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Copper wire at Marpi poles stolen

» Contractor refuses to touch wire due to court injunction

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About 1,050 linear feet of copper wire was found stolen from eight power poles in Marpi yesterday afternoon.

As a result, the neutral line at four other poles is now sagging but the contractor of the controversial Marpi power poles project refused to touch the line due to a court injunction, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Picture shows the portion where the power line has been stolen. The approximate length of stolen No. 4 copper wire is 1,050 linear feet.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A staff of contractor Maeda Pacific Corp., who asked not to be identified, said he received a call yesterday from their subcontractor that copper wires were stolen from some of the poles in Marpi.

After confirming the theft, the staff said he immediately called the police.

The neutral power line—copper wire No. 4—was the one stolen after being cut from power pole No. 1 near the Buddhist Temple to pole No. 8. This caused the neutral line from pole No. 8 to pole No. 11 to sag.

The contractor's employee said their concern is that the other line may also sag, but that they could not touch it because the project is on hold due to a court injunction.

The contractor also did not touch the remaining wire that had been cut by the suspect or suspect; it remains dangling on the pole.

When he passed the area two days ago, the wire had not been stolen yet.

Superior Court associate judge Ken-

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ANOTHER TREE FALLS

Two police officers clear the road by cutting some of the branches and removing the debris after a trunk of a flame tree fell on Beach Road in front of 13 Fishermen's Utt pavilion in Garapan Wednesday afternoon. Fortunately, no vehicle was hit. Many flame trees have been falling in the last few years reportedly due to a fungal disease.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

IPS says ARRA funds not in jeopardy

» EAGI chair vows to 'seriously investigate' controversy

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Integrated Professional Solutions, LLC assured the public in a statement yesterday that the American Recovery and Reinvestment funds it manages are not in jeopardy because of the current controversy involving the company.

Last week, a DOI Inspector General report said that the Fitial administration's sole-source contract with former Commerce secretary Michael Ada's IPS may have violated local procurement rules and ethics regulations.

"ARRA funds allocated to the CNMI, including those funds allocated but not yet spent, should not be in jeopardy due to current controversy. This perception among some members of the public seems

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MARK RABAGO

It was business as usual at the office of Integrated Professional Solutions yesterday nearly a week after the DOI Inspector General issued a report saying the Fitial administration may have violated CNMI procurement rules and ethics regulations by awarding a $392,404 sole-source contract to the company of former Commerce secretary Michael Ada.

Local

DPH: Hospital emergency no impact on Medicare

The emergency declaration for the Commonwealth Health Center has no adverse impact on its Medicare certification because majority of the deficiencies earlier cited by the agency have been corrected and are being corrected, according to a senior public health official.

Esther Muña, acting deputy secretary for hospital administration, is confident that Medicare will treat the emergency declaration as an additional way to correct and address other concerns at the hospital. She said the declaration shows the hospital's commitment to resolve issues surrounding services at the facility.

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services did an investigation survey of the hospital in March 2010, during which several deficiencies were found. A few months later, a corrective action plan submitted by the hospital was accepted by Medicare as sufficient. A resurvey done by Medicare representatives also resulted in the lifting of the jeopardy status in some areas of the hospital. CHC was also cleared by Medicare last year of alleged discrimination.

Muña pointed out that the emergency declaration is because of budget constraints. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

Senate confirms Villagomez to CPA board

The Senate confirmed yesterday former senator Manuel P. Villagomez's nomination to the Commonwealth Ports Authority's board of directors.

Villagomez, who will represent Tinian, brings to six the number of directors at the CPA board. He joins chair Jose Lifoifoi (Saipan), Margaret Prater (Saipan), Benigno Sablan (Saipan), Fermin Sakisat (Saipan), and Barrie Toves (Rota) on the board.

"It's a challenge to become a part of the CPA board with these economic problems in the CNMI. We really have to work hard," said Villagomez moments after his Senate confirmation.

One of the major projects he is looking at is finding funding for Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. "We're anticipating federal grants from the [Federal Aviation Administration]."

Villagomez said that Tinian needs a new Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting unit and the airport's departure and arrival terminals need to be renovated. "We're looking at that project and it would soon be bid out."

He said direct flights from China to Tinian is also a possibility with CPA, Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino, the Tinian Legislative Delegation, and the Tinian Mayor Office all negotiating with Sichuan Airlines. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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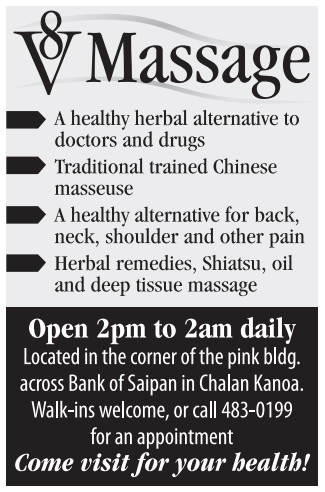
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Teen who hid in closet after molesting minor gets 7 years

A teenager who was caught hiding inside a closet after breaking into a house in Kagman II and sexually abusing a female minor was slapped yesterday with a seven-year prison term.

Nineteen-year-old Brandon Jay Lisua Borja pleaded guilty Wednesday to a count of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree as part of a plea deal. The remaining charges were dropped.

Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Borja to 10 years in prison, all suspended except for seven years, to be served without the possibility of parole.

Borja was given credit for the 100 days he had already served in jail. After completing his sentence, he will be placed on 10 years of probation.

Borja was also ordered to pay a $2,000 fine, plus restitution to the victim, court costs, and probation fees. He was required to write a letter of apology to the victim and her mother. He is also barred from drinking alcohol or using controlled substances during his probation.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged Borja with two counts of sexual assault in the first degree, two counts of sexual abuse of minor in the second degree, one count of burglary, and one count of disturbing the peace.

In consideration of Borja's guilty plea and recognizing his early acceptance of responsibility, the government agreed to dismiss the remaining counts, said assistant attorney general Shelli Neal.

Chief public defender Adam Hardwicke served as counsel for Borja.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that the female victim was sleeping inside her bedroom in April when she woke up at 2am and saw Borja climbing into the sliding window next to her bed. Borja began molesting the girl but stopped when a light turned on outside the girl's bedroom. He then hid inside the closet.

The girl's mother entered the bedroom and noticed the closet moving. When she found Borja inside the closet, she called police. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

'Federalization created urgent need for prevailing wage study'

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The owner of HR Support and one of the founding members of the CNMI Chapter of the Society for Human Resources Management said the ongoing prevailing wage study was brought about by the federalization of CNMI immigration.

Frank Gibson, who also writes the twice-a-month column "HR Matters" for the *Saipan Tribune*, said that federalization means employers can no longer bring employees to the CNMI under the previous immigration laws and regulations.

"Any non-U.S. workers brought into the CNMI after Nov. 28, 2009, require a U.S. visa," he said in an email to the *Saipan Tribune*.

To obtain an H1-B visa, the employer must pay the "prevailing" wage for the area of employment. The prevailing wage is the average wage paid to similarly employed workers in a specific occupation.

"The CNMI does not currently have recognized prevailing wage rates so a sponsor applying for an H1-B visa for an employee is required to pay the prevailing wage for Guam or …the United States, which is significantly higher than what is being paid in the CNMI," Gibson said.

A prevailing wage study for the CNMI, he said, will result in wages more reflective of the average wages being paid in the CNMI.

H1-B visas, however, only apply to specialty positions that require a bachelor's degree or higher and the employee must possess that degree from a school that is considered equivalent to a U.S. college.

"Only workers in these types of positions can be placed on visas. The non-specialty positions and employees can be placed on a CNMI-only CW visa that will allow continued employment at or above minimum wage some several years into the future until that visa status is ended. At that point there is no existing legal work or immigration status for most contract workers to continue working in the CNMI."

Contract workers in specialty positions include accountants, lawyers, doctors, teachers, computer programmers, and analysts, among others.

Gibson said a prevailing wage is not required to be paid to employees in a CW status.

U.S. citizen workers, meanwhile, stand to actually benefit from the paying of prevailing wage to foreign workers, he said. According to the Immigration and Nationality Act, hiring a foreign worker should not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of U.S. workers comparably employed.

"So, if the prevailing wage increases wages for visa-holders, those U.S. workers performing the same work should be paid at the same rate."

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Draft of Saipan casino bill finalized

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A draft of the much ballyhooed Saipan casino bill calls for a $25 million casino license fee for prospective investors and a $575 million exclusive fee that would be deposited in a separate sub-account for appropriation by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

A copy of the draft provided to the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday also said that the CNMI governor will have no reprogramming authority on the funds "absent a formal declaration of emergency or an express constitutional assertion of executive programming powers."

Casino operations have been thumbed down twice by island voters and the Senate has even vowed to go to court and sue the delegation for introducing the measure.

The draft copy of House Local Bill 17-44 CS1, however, justifies the introduction of the Saipan casino bill by stating that: "The act is legally consistent with Article 21 of the CNMI Constitution that provides that, '[g]ambling is prohibited in the Northern Mariana Islands except as provided by Commonwealth law or established through initiative in the Commonwealth or in any senatorial district."

The draft bill added that "the subsequent development of the casino industry will provide many employment opportunities for Saipan residents both in the private sector gaming facilities and within the Saipan-Northern Islands Casino Commission as non-Civil Services government employees,"

More importantly, the draft of the Saipan casino bill appropriates 100 percent of the taxes, fees, penalties, and fines to the Saipan and Northern Islands with SNILD serving as the appropriating body.

The appropriation will be broken down as follows:

- 10 percent for medical referrals for all eligible CNMI residents;
- 10 percent for SHEFA scholarships;
- 10 percent for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. assistance for CNMI eligible low income persons;
- 10 percent to be appointed at the discretion of the Third Senatorial District Delegation;
- 10 percent for the funding of cultural and language preservation programs; and
- 40 percent for the NMI Retirement Fund's Defined Benefit Plan until fully funded.

The Saipan casino bill is authored by Rep. Stanley T. Torres (Ind-Saipan) and has six co-sponsors.

Judge sanctions lawyer for failing to communicate with his client

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Superior Court associate judge David A. Wiseman has sanctioned attorney Douglas F. Cushnie with a reprimand or public censure for failing to communicate with his client.

Wiseman, however, determined that the court-appointed disciplinary counsel, George L. Hasselback, failed to prove that Cushnie's attorney's fees were unreasonable.

The judge said the publication of the order shall constitute the reprimand for Cushnie.

Wiseman ordered Cushnie to reimburse the court for any expenses incurred from publication, as well as the costs associated with the prosecution of the case.

Elizabeth Blanco Matsunaga filed in 1999 a disciplinary complaint before the court against Cushnie, who used to serve as her counsel in a civil action filed by the former Diamond Hotel. Matsunaga alleged that Cushnie violated his fiduciary and ethical duties to her.

Disciplinary counsel Hasselback asserted that Cushnie violated Model Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4(a), in that he failed to give his client a reasonable and timely accounting despite repeated demands.

Hasselback alleged that the lawyer also violated Model Rule 1.5(a) in that he collected an unreasonable fee or money from his client, Matsunaga, which he was not entitled to.

In his order issued Wednesday, Wiseman said he only find Cushnie in violation of Model Rule 1.4(a) in that he failed to give his client a timely accounting. Model Rule 1.4(a) requires an attorney to communicate with his or her client.

Wiseman said that in the Matsunaga vs. Matsunaga civil case, the CNMI Supreme Court agreed with the Superior Court that Cushnie violated his duty of loyalty by failing to notify Elizabeth Matsunaga of the $8,500 retained in his general account as an advance on a contingency fee.

The Supreme Court also agreed that Cushnie failed to notify Ms. Matsunaga that he was claiming his contingency fee based on the value of the 1.2 hectares freed from the leasehold.

In the disciplinary case, Wiseman said that Cushnie had a duty to communicate with his client and keep her apprised of all matters relating to his services.

"By failing to notify Ms. Matsunaga about the $8,500 fee or that he was placing it in his general account as an advance fee, it goes without saying that respondent failed to communicate with his client," Wiseman pointed out.

At the hearing, Cushnie claimed it was difficult to speak with Ms. Matsunaga because she did not speak English and as a result, he usually spoke with her son, Frank.

Wiseman said Cushnie owed a duty of loyalty and a duty to communicate with his client, not to Frank.

Woman sues Sen. Crisostimo for allegedly pushing her

A woman who was among six persons who were sued by Sen. Luis P. Crisostimo in April for allegedly building a retaining wall around his land in As Lito is suing back, accusing the senator of forcefully pushing her in 2009.

Su Jie Xian sued Crisostimo for assault and battery and negligent and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to contact Crisostimo for comment yesterday.

Xian, who filed the lawsuit without a lawyer, asked the Superior Court to order the senator to pay her damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

The plaintiff stated in the complaint that at 1:30pm on June 11, 2009, the power was shut off at Ming Li's Warehouse in As Lito where she worked. At 4pm, Xian said she noticed that the electric power was still off so she called the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

When CUC arrived, they informed Xian that there was no power outage as they discovered that the main power supply switch was turned off and the voltage cable was cut.

When the CUC maintenance team turned the main power supply back on, the crew suggested locking the main power supply box.

Xian said that, as she went back to the warehouse with an employee to lock the main power unit, Crisostimo approached and pushed her violently.

Xian said she begged Crisostimo to stop but he threw her to the ground, where she shit her back on a concrete curb.

She said she incurred medical expenses as a result of the senator's conduct.

Last April, Crisostimo and his wife, through counsel Ramon Quichocho, sued six persons, including Xian, for unlawful trespass, construction, and encroachment on their two lots.

The senator said that sometime in 2009, Xian and Ming Qiang Liang began constructing a building in a lot adjoining the Crisostimos' three lots. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Storytelling, traditional navigation in Chamorro and Carolinian this Saturday

The Inetnon Amot yan Kutturan Natibu/Mwiischil Safey me Kkoor Aramasal Faluw is offering storytelling and traditional navigation to all interested Chamorros and Carolinians on Saturday, July 30, 2011, at the Saipan Chamorro-Carolinian Village Cultural Centers Headquarters at 1213 Capitol Hill Road, across from the CNMI Workforce Investment Agency and next to the CNMI Board of Parole Office.

Storytelling starts at 9:30am. All activities end around noontime. Storytelling and traditional navigation will be mostly in Chamorro and Carolinian.

These activities are offered by the Association of Native Medicine and Culture, in partnership with the Indigenous Affairs Office, and funded in part by the Administration for Native Americans. For more information, call 322-0278. ***(PR)***

Chacha Ocean View Jr. High School registration

For new and returning students of ChaCha Ocean View Jr. High School, registration for 7th and 8th students is as follows:

- 8th grade students, July 29, 8am-4pm at the main office
- 7th grade students, Aug. 5, 8am-4pm at the main office

Requirements needed are birth certificate, health certificate, school transcript, guardianship (if applicable), map of residence, and copy of your insurance.

Call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100. ***(PR)***

Gregorio T. Camacho (GTC) Elementary School

Parents/guardians of GTC Elementary School, take note of the following events/dates:

- Kindergarten orientation: Aug. 23, 2011 at 5pm
- Testing for all new students: Aug. 22 – 26, 2011
- First day of school: Sept. 6, 2011
- Back to school Open House: Sept. 9, 2011, at 6pm

Enrollment has been ongoing. Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2011. Registration packets are available at the school office. Required documents include:

- Birth certificate
- School entrance health certificate (blue card from CHC Public Health)
- Map of resident
- Copy of progress report from last school attended
- Copy of health insurance
- Copy of guardianship/power of attorney (if applicable)

For more information, contact the school at 237-3121/2 or email gloria.nauta@cnmipss.org or charlotte.camacho@cnmipss.org. ***(PR)***

IPS

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to be based upon a misunderstanding of the way the relevant funds are allocated, administered, and used," said the IPS statement.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan had recently said that $64 million in ARRA funds that have yet to be issued to the Commonwealth could now be in jeopardy in the wake of the IG report.

IPS said the company and its staff will work to correct these misunderstandings in the coming days. It also clarified that the IG report didn't say that the company violated federal laws.

"IPS would like the public to note that the Inspector General did not find any violation of federal law in its report, nor did it identify the misuse of any ARRA funds. There has been no such misuse of funds by IPS. IPS would also like the public to know that IPS and its staff, particularly Mr. Michael Ada, have fully cooperated with the investigation process," the company said.

On the question whether IPS may have violated CNMI ethics and procurement requirements, the company said it reserves comment on these issues pending further statement by the Office of the Public Auditor.

IPS also took the opportunity to enumerate its accomplishments since cornering the ARRA management contract.

It said it facilitated direct funding of 91 staff salaries for the Public School System, 6,100 netbook computers provided to CNMI public school students, 1,225 new street lights throughout the CNMI, and numerous, system-wide construction projects for the Public School System, and four new energy efficient Commonwealth Utilities Corp. turbochargers.

"Again, these are just a few of the projects with which IPS has assisted. IPS continues in its effort, in close collaboration with numerous public agencies and private companies and entities, to efficiently and effectively manage the ARRA funds that have made these and other completed and ongoing projects possible," said IPS.

Cruz to scrutinize contract

Senate Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations chair Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), meanwhile, promised to "seriously look" into alleged violations of CNMI procurement and ethics statues detailed in the IG report.

"I've been going through the Commonwealth code and it appears true that the contract may have violated the Commonwealth code. My committee will look into this very seriously and eventually we will come out with our recommendation."

Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* that a cursory review of the IG report seems to suggest some culpability on the part of Attorney General Edward Buckigham and IPS principal owner Michael Ada.

"I think he [AG] should be held responsible for all of this. If we have to go to all the way and investigate the attorney general then we have to. I think Mike should also be held responsible. These people are professional employees of the government (former government employee in the case of Ada). They are in high places in the government and they should follow the procedure," he said.

Unopened IG report

House Speaker Eli D. Cabrera (R-Saipan) admitted that he has yet to open, much less read the IG report. He keeps himself abreast of the controversy, however, by following the news.

"How do we know local laws were broken? Mike [OPA Public Auditor Michael Pai] didn't exactly say that there was a violation, right? He allowed AG to make the decision. Something is not really clear here, something that is a really gray area, " he said in an interview with the *Saipan Tribune*.

Cabrera said he is simply too busy right now to deal with the IG report and IPS' alleged violation of procurement rules and ethics regulations.

"I wish I could've opened the report last week. Yesterday we spent the whole day discussing the casino bill. I'm every busy and I'm now working on the budget."

He said the House simply doesn't have the authority to investigate the issue.

"The Senate has the EAGI. We don't have the luxury to have that here. Conduct an investigation? Who shall I appoint? Under what committee and under what authority? I don't want to do something that would jeopardize what we're doing. If the Senate wants to do the investigation, so be it and let them do it. While they are working on the IG report, we're working on the budget," said Cabrera.

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neth L. Govendo on July 5 ordered the injunction that temporarily stopped the installation of the remaining power poles. The injunction will remain until after the May 1, 2012, trial.

The power poles are part of a $2.9-million project to build a Marpi public cemetery. The poles are supposed to supply power to the public cemetery and the CNMI Veterans Cemetery. Only two more power poles need to be installed to complete the project.

The Friends of Marpi sued the CNMI government over the power poles project. The plaintiff cited at least two issues in opposing the project:

- Greater transparency and public involvement in a project that impacts an area of tremendous historic and cultural significance, as well as natural beauty.
- Thorough consideration of more appropriate and cost effective alternatives for providing power to the public cemetery.

CDA turns over $1.7M to Finance for CHC

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The Commonwealth Development Authority transferred Wednesday noon $1.7 million to the Finance Department that will be used to pay for the debts the hospital owes its vendors, according to CDA executive director Manuel Sablan yesterday.

The amount, Sablan said, was the interest income generated by the agency from the $140 million bond that was floated by the CNMI government in the 1990s.

Sablan

Because of the emergency declaration issued by acting governor Eloy Inos, the transfer did not require board approval and any other requirements besides a certification justifying the emergency declaration from the Executive Branch, he added.

Sablan explained that the $1.7 million has been sitting in the CDA account and represents interest gained for many years. With the money's transfer to a government account, CDA loses its jurisdiction over the money, Sablan said.

By statute, any interest income from the bond requires legislative appropriation and must specifically be used for capital improvement projects.

Inos reprogrammed the $1.7 million to help address the state of emergency at the Commonwealth Health Center. He said the amount will prevent the hospital from shutting its doors to patients.

The emergency declaration allows Inos to suspend all statutory or regulatory provisions and provides him the ability to reprogram available and authorized resources to address the emergency.

The Legislature earlier alerted Inos to the serious condition at the hospital, which lacks medical supplies and 21 different kinds of reagents necessary for tests such as etoh, carbamazapine, cultures (except blood), and creatinine.

CHC's emergency room also lacks physicians necessary to treat patients and those who are available are hampered by the lack of diagnostic tests such as CBC, cultures, lytes, kidney tests, and heart attack tests.

The state of emergency declaration at CHC, which also covers the Tinian and Rota health centers, was made because of the "imminent threat of disruption in the delivery of critical healthcare services and its ability to keep the doors open to 'healthcare facilities' due to a severe cash shortage."

Rookie cop pleads guilty to beating wife, gets 12 days

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Gordon Odoshi Seman, a rookie police officer who, while drunk, beat up his wife outside their residence in Dandan, pleaded guilty plea yesterday in the Superior Court.

Seman, 30, pleaded guilty to assault and battery as part of a plea deal.

In light of Seman's early acceptance of responsibility, the Office of the Attorney General stipulated that the defendant's guilty plea will have no reference to domestic violence. The OAG also agreed to drop the disturbing the peace charge.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Seman to six months in prison, all suspended, except for 12 days, with credit for the 12 days he had already served in jail. This means Seman immediately goes free.

Seman will be placed on two years of supervised probation, and required to pay a $100 fine, plus court costs and probation fees.

He was ordered to undergo anger management counseling, alcohol abuse counseling, and a parenting class, and was required to write a letter of apology to the victim. He is prohibited from drinking or possessing any alcoholic beverages while on probation.

Assistant attorney general Peter Prestley appeared for the government. Attorney Michael Dotts served as court-appointed counsel for Seman.

Seman's wife had arrived home from work on July 16, 2011, at 6:20pm to find her two children crying and Seman sleeping on the couch in the living room. The wife saw an empty soju bottle in the kitchen and an empty can of beer on the counter.

When she confronted him about his drinking, Seman got mad and slapped her and kicked her. The wife grabbed their children and ran to a neighbor's house where she called police.

Two responding police officers later spotted Seman in front of the Jin Store in Dandan at 10:26pm. They detected a strong odor of alcohol in his breath and saw that Seman could not stand up straight and was losing his balance.

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Randy Steele, general manager of Triple J Motors, said, "We are proud to have been part of TOC since the beginning. We really hope someone will take home the Mazda 3 at the tournament."

Since its inception, TOC has given over $500,000 to the Saipan Beautification Fund, which has most recently been used to improve the tree-lined traffic medians in Chalan Piao, Dandan and Susupe. Funds were also used for the revitalization of the Garapan special district. In addition, TOC also contributed funds for the Paseo de Marianas, and the beautification of the Port to Park pathway. It was recently announced that proceeds from this year's TOC will assist in the repair of the Mt. Topochau stairways, railings, and the leveling of the area.

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From left, Randy Steele, general manager of Triple J; Ben Babauta, TOC tournament director; and Ben Lizama, Triple J sales manager.

"Triple J Motors and their group of companies have shown their dedication to TOC and we are grateful for their participation and support for so many years. Our golfers are looking forward to the chance to try for the Mazda 3 hole-in-one prize," said Ben Babauta, TOC tournament director.

The 16th Annual Tournament of Champions will take place at LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 6 and 7. Show time is 6am and shotgun start is 7am. Registration fee is $175 for two days of golf and the banquet immediately following the tournament. For more information or to register, call 236-2511, or visit the TOC website at www.tocsaipan.com. ***(TOC)***

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Close to 500 students may be eligible for SHEFA awards

Close to 500 students may be found eligible to receive financial aid from the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance for the fall 200 semester, according to administrator Henry Hofschneider.

The deadline for applications was on July 1. SHEFA received 712 applicants, including online and mailed applications.

Based on a preliminary review of applicants, Hofschneider said that many had incomplete documents and records in their application packet. These were initially rejected for failing to meet SHEFA requirements.

"Because we're seeing a significant reduction of eligible scholars this new semester, there's a possibility that we may not need to enforce a new cut in the financial awards for the new semester," Hofschneider told *Saipan Tribune*.

Today, Hofschneider is expected to present to the board the latest data and recommendations for board action.

Last spring semester, SHEFA had 630 applicants—a significant decrease from the fall 2010 semester, which had over 900. ***(Moneth Deposa)***

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Manglona's 170 cases reshuffled to other judges

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Superior Court presiding judge Robert C. Naraja has issued a case assignment order that distributed among the judges all cases presently being handled by associate judge Ramona V. Manglona.

In the order issued Monday, Naraja said that once the U.S. Senate confirms Manglona as a judge in the U.S. District Court for the NMI, all cases assigned to her will be issued to a secondary judge.

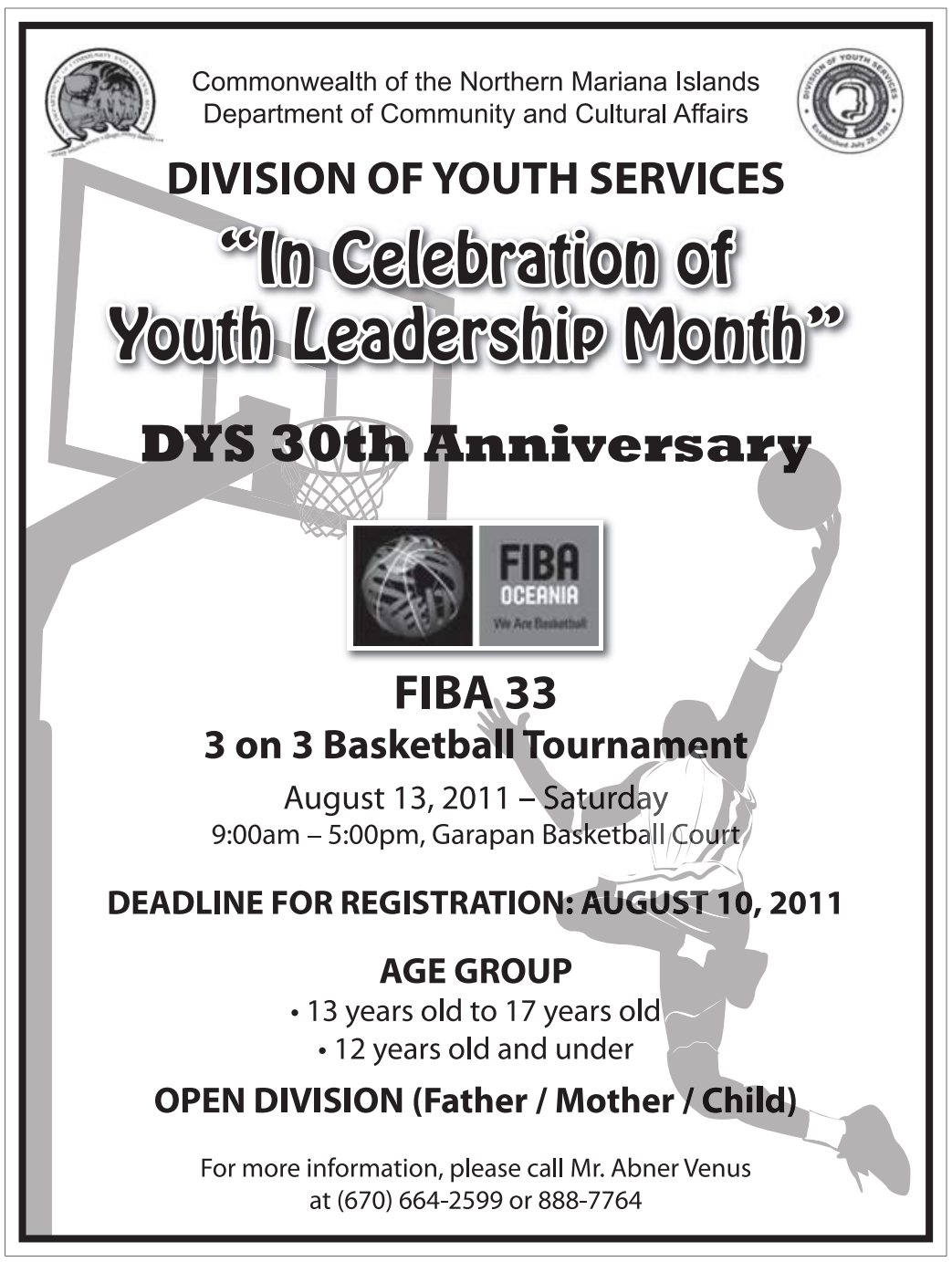
Naraja said that all of Manglona's present cases will be distributed to the judges.

Naraja attached in his order a list of pending civil cases for Manglona from 2003 to 2011. The list indicates that there are 170 civil cases assigned to Manglona.

The list also shows how these 170 cases will be distributed among Naraja and associate judges David A. Wiseman, Kenneth L. Govendo, and Perry B. Inos.

The U.S. Senate confirmed Manglona on Wednesday to be the next judge for the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

With her confirmation, Manglona is expected anytime to tender her resignation as a Superior Court associate judge, a position that she has held since 2003.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Crime Stoppers is seeking the community's assistance for information on a theft incident that occurred at Wing Beach in Marpi.

On Wednesday afternoon, July 20, 2011, at about 4:30pm, a male Caucasian tourist, 51, and his wife parked their rental scooter at Wing Beach. He placed his red bag containing his personal items under the scooter seat. The couple went to the beach and returned an hour later.

They discovered the red bag missing. The items in the bag included a Red polo bag containing a Canon Inix 10 camera, Xiginli eye class case, house keys, Chinese and New Zealand driver's licenses, two books, and some credit cards. The total value of the stolen items is over $500.

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A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 29, 1999

Teno to lobby vs federal takeover

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday vowed anew to fight any attempt that will take away CNMI's control over its labor and immigration functions, as he leaves today for Washington D.C. to lead the local delegation that will testify in an oversight hearing in the US Congress next week. The governor leaves today along with Commonwealth officials and representatives of the business sector for the August 3 hearing in the US capital called by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The panel, which has oversight of the Northern Marianas and other U.S. territories, will tackle the proposed legislation seeking full extension of the Immigration and Nationality Act to the island.

CNMI to receive $1.3 M for Y2K program

The CNMI was among the U.S. territories chosen by the federal Office of Budget Management to receive Y2K funding assistance from the federal government, officials announced Friday. The Office of Insular Affairs said the CNMI will receive $1.3 million from the Clinton Administration's $22 million computer upgrading program aimed at preventing system failures resulting from the so-called Y2K bug. This assistance is offered only to insular areas, and the funding will be limited to the replacement and repair of systems that were originally installed through federal grants.

July 29, 2002

MVA urged to hike tourism safety

Regardless of who has the authority over tourism safety in the Commonwealth, the government and industry players should address this issue as a team. Although only one businessman stood up to stress this point, he was widely applauded by the audience during Friday's general membership meeting of the Marianas Visitors Authority at the Fiesta Hall of the Hafadai Beach Hotel. Gov. Juan N. Babauta himself said that, due to increasing security concerns raised by tourists and tourism-related businesses, his administration would address these concerns directly.

Heinz: User's fee should move forward—now

House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider insists that the House Ways and Means Committee submit its recommendations on the user fee increase by Friday this week, despite a request from apparel manufacturers to hold off until mid-August. Hofschneider said that Ways and Means chairman Rep. Stanley T. Torres still has to inform him as to when he intends to conduct a public hearing on the measure but he is adamant that the report on this should be in by Friday "so we could move on." "This is also tied with the budget bill. That's critically important to me. We need to pass the budget at once," said the Speaker. He added that procrastination on the issue should be eliminated. "If they [garment manufacturers] are not ready now, they'll never be ready. The original bill was introduced in April; everybody is well informed."

July 29, 2003

BOE split on governor's MOU

Board of Education members remain divided on the governor's proposed Memorandum of Understanding for the additional $1 million funding to the Public School System. BOE chairman Herman T. Guerrero told the House of Representatives yesterday that the board has not voted on the MOU yet and, therefore, has not accepted the $1 million funding. Meantime, BOE vice chairman Roman Benavente maintains that the majority of the board had voted to reconsider its earlier rejection of the MOU last month amid the serious financial condition of the PSS. In separate interviews, the two education officials defended their respective positions. "The board has not approved any MOU. If it was approved by the committee, it's not final and has no effect," Guerrero said.

NMC withdraws marketing study

The Northern Marianas College has canceled its solicitation for a marketing study for the Pacific Gateway project, saying it would rather spend on the actual marketing promotions overseas. The NMC earlier sought proposals for an independent marketing study following advice from some members of the House of Representatives. "We withdrew the RFP; instead, we'd focus on actual marketing," said NMC Board of Regents member Galvin Guerrero. The NMC had sought the Legislature's assistance for a $10 million start-up fund for the Pacific Gateway project. In return, the Legislature had required the college to submit a more comprehensive project proposal, including a credible marketing plan.

96 take part in Military Day

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A total of 96 children took part in the Military Day of the weeklong Army Enrichment Camp held Wednesday at Marianas Trekking.

Coordinator Tara Dixon, of the Army Reserve Child & Youth School Service, said this was the third time they held the Army Enrichment Camp on Saipan.

This week, however, was particularly special because their activities were devoted to children of servicemen and servicewomen or what they call "military youth."

"Ten soldiers volunteered their time today and ran various activities with the kids to help them with a better understanding of what their mom or dad does in the military," said Dixon.

Among the Military Day activities they undertook include camouflage face-painting, tasting Military Ready to Eat or MREs, obstacles course and relays, and learning cadence or marching with military songs.

"The camp does a great job in keeping the kids busy. The counselors are really friendly and social with the kids. We had a lot of activities and a lot of fun time," she said.

U.S. Army Sgt. Jonas Barcinas, of Echo Company 100 Battalion, for his part, said he and his men were more than happy to volunteer their free time for the Army Enrichment Camp, especially on Military Day.

"The kids are happy to have this type of activities working with professional individuals as well as volunteers. We come here and volunteer our time to create some activities with them and enjoy and have fun physically and mentally," he said.

Barcinas, who is also the principal of Hopwood Junior High School, said he hopes Army Enrichment Camp expands from a summer-time activity to a year-round program.

"It's an enrichment program to engage our kids to be involved with different activities and socialize with the other kids. Hopefully they can build a stronger program not only for the summer but throughout the year for kids because sometimes they have parents who are being deployed and they don't know who to turn to. They have their mother, father, uncle deployed in the military," he said.

The Army Reserve Enrichment Camp is a one-week day camp for Army Reserve youth ages 4-12. The camp is available to dependents and extended family of an Army Reserve soldiers.

The camp is an excellent opportunity for children to have fun, make new friends while learning important life skills. The camp includes, among other activities, swimming lessons, go karts, kayaking, snorkeling, volleyball, mountain biking, movie-making, horseback riding, ocean safety, golf, field trips, and arts and crafts.

Habitual offender gets 30 months for violating probation conditions

Superior Court presiding judge Robert C. Naraja sentenced a habitual offender on Wednesday to two years and six months in prison for violating probation conditions.

"Your prior convictions are overwhelming!" Naraja told Mario M. Reyes.

The judge said the court has not been presented with anything to show that Reyes has changed.

Naraja said the new sentence will be consecutive to Reyes' jail sentence in the other case. This means the prison term will be added to the prison sentence imposed on Reyes in the previous case.

In January 2011, Superior Court associate judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Reyes to the maximum of 12 months for assault and battery, and six months for disturbing the peace. Govendo said there will be no parole.

In this case, Reyes reportedly ran over his girlfriend with a car when she jumped off to escape from further beating on April 29, 2010.

During the trial in December 2010, the jurors acquitted him on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, and aggravated assault and battery. Govendo, however, found him guilty of assault and battery and disturbing the peace.

Reyes was on probation for assaulting the same victim twice when he committed the latest offenses.

The Office of the Attorney General then moved to revoke his probation. The court granted the revocation of probation and the sentencing hearing was held Wednesday.

Assistant attorney general Shelli Neal expressed concern for the safety of the victim once Reyes is out of jail again.

Neal described Reyes as a batterer and a violent man and that placing him on probation does not work.

Assistant public defender Richard Miller, counsel for Reyes, had recommended a sentence of six months in prison. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Congress should stop flirting with disaster

With as little as a week remaining until the federal government runs out of money to cover all its bills, it's time for Republicans and Democrats to scale down their partisan ambitions and get a deal done to raise the debt ceiling. But the House GOP, which picked this fight, doesn't seem willing to end it. Instead, Speaker John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, wants Congress to manufacture another potential crisis early next year, presumably so Republicans can again demand concessions that Democrats simply will not make. That's just nuts.

The Boehner plan would allow President Obama to raise the debt ceiling now and early next year in exchange, respectively, for discretionary spending cuts and additional deficit reductions to be determined by a bipartisan congressional commission. The measure would all but guarantee another prolonged battle over whether to raise the debt ceiling early in 2012, with the presidential campaign in full swing.

That's a frightening prospect. But Boehner is having trouble lining up support for his proposal among his fellow House Republicans, who want to extract deeper spending cuts before raising the debt ceiling. Never mind that just four months ago, the House approved a spending bill for the rest of fiscal 2011 that pushed borrowing beyond the current debt ceiling. Or that three months ago, the House passed a GOP-penned budget for fiscal 2012 that called for almost $9 trillion in additional borrowing over the coming decade.

At the same time, Senate Republicans are blasting the alternative offered by Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., which would raise the debt ceiling enough to last through next year's election while reducing projected deficits by $2.7 trillion. Even though Reid's plan involves no tax increases, Republicans are complaining that the spending cuts aren't real because they rely heavily on the military drawdowns in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Obama and Boehner didn't help matters with their nationally televised speeches Monday evening. Obama quixotically championed a much larger deficit-reduction deal that includes tax increases and entitlement cuts, a laudable goal but not an achievable one at this stage. And Boehner beat the drum for a rigid "tea party" approach that Senate Democrats have already rejected.

Meanwhile, chances are increasing that the United States' pristine credit rating will be downgraded by at least one of the three major ratings firms, raising interest rates and hurting the economy. Enough is enough. There's a clear compromise available that blends Reid's proposed cuts and debt-ceiling increase with Boehner's proposed mechanism for enforcing those cuts. Lawmakers should embrace it and stop flirting with fiscal disaster.

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Atlantis, an odyssey

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Stanley Kubrick and Arthur C. Clarke collaborated in 1968 in *2001: A Space Odyssey,* to the classical model of Homer's human journey with the stunning music of Strauss' *Blue Danube* and *Thus Spake Zarathustra* ushering us to the paradigm-shifting photo of the Blue Planet from Apollo 8.

This month, the Atlantis shuttle that was launched in 1985 for NASA's space program made its final trip. We are familiar with the space program's well-publicized explorations of space off the Earth's gravitational pull. We are less familiar with the space program as a means to find space-based delivery systems of nuclear weapons to China and the Soviet Union.

The fear of the Soviet Union was real and pervasive, but its basis, as was revealed later, was more illusory, heavy on theatrics rather than on actual capability. Now, China targets a moon landing by 2030. Fortunately, its rocket technology was spent on sky fireworks rather than weaponry. But our Pentagon warriors are still deep in fear.

The United States, riddled by the explosions of journeys in internal space since the discipline of psychology and the practice of the couch took prominence, has most of its progressives turn into either esoteric inner peace, or the psychic journeys of altered consciousness. With the Unabomber and his seemingly Norwegian copycat taking individualism to its radical manifestation, the social aspect of concerted effort magnified by the space program, as compared to the individual genius that unfettered personal worth has come to be idolized and promoted by Wall St., awaits a new emphasis.

Atlantis, the lost city of Plato's recollection or imaginings, comes from antiquity and has served humankinds' utopian propensities, particularly with humanism's Renaissance. Paradise Lost is deep in human yearning, Mesopotamia's contribution at the confluence of the Tigris-Euphrates being the popular story of the garden, the snake and Adam and Eve.

The journeys from Satawal and Woleai, and the periodic journeys through the *Metawaal Wool* is a tradition of traversing the unknown with the passion of exploration. Perhaps it is time to revive that impulse in mapping the next stages of the Marianas journey.

Access to the land, as the invitation to the open sea, has always been an option of anyone in these parts. That is why many sees the emancipation of the rigidity of CNMI's Article 12 as a symbol of jumpstarting its journey as a collaborative social entity.

That journey is three-pronged, a single thrust but with three discernable components.

The first is a thorough assessment of the islands' survival options without undue dependence on the federal subsidy or being simply an appendage to military plans premised on fear of China and North Korea (did the same with Vietnam in the '60s) as a rationale for "guarding" the mercantile sea lanes of South China Sea (translate, getting legal grounds to drill oil). What do we do with what we've got?

The issue of survival is not so complicated. It simply involves an inventory of natural, human, and technological wealth and projection of resource utilization, what to do with them in production schemes, the use of labor and devices, and the distribution of goods and services produced. There is too much utopian thinking of a lost or miraculous Atlantis that we are weighted heavily on our *dagan* on messianic expectations rather than engaging our brain *proa* in visioning our future and rolling our sleeves to paddle.

The science of decision-making comes as a second priority. Physically part of an island chain, we are communally cooperative. Ethnicity traces roots in Austro-Polynesian DNA, historically and consciously influenced by Europe through Iberia and the Austro-Hungarian empire, and the American experiment in participatory democracy. How experienced do we need to be to have confidence in broad participatory politics?

Eschew the party system of conflict confrontations. Let this generation's wilting *man'amko* play their games of one-upmanship (it really gets bad when women play it, too, right, Chailang?) It is neither indigenous nor productive. It is a fallacy to think that parliamentary wrangling is the sole democratic model that promotes conflict of classes and competing interests. Commonality is more pervasive. Why not start there?

The emerging glocal character of the Planet *Eaarth* brings us to the cutting edge of global transformation, our third component. The secular city of the urban centers celebrated *anonymie*, and understandably so since we just emerged from empires where monarchs owned our bodies and souls. We now treasure privacy. Now we have city folks who look the other way while neighbors get mauled by hustlers and hoodlums. We are islands of assimilation and inclusiveness. Paradise gained is our option.

Alarmingly, a Chinese veggie vendor accosted, his means of livelihood burned, does not bode well if these islands are going to be transformed on the basis of what we have, rather than on the dream of what we should be, have been, or ideally meant to be.

Atlantis never was, but the dreaming goes on.

The *Marianas: Space-Time Odyssey* runs now into the old Roman question *Quo Vadis?* Time to get our young lambs and lions around the same table.

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Bread and circuses. Bonds and bad hair days.

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Question from earlier this week: Will the debt-ceiling circus in Washington trigger a crisis that might stop the flow of federal money to Saipan?

Answer: I'm not a political odds maker, but the markets sure are. And debt (bond) markets don't seem troubled by the circus. Based on that, I'd say everything's OK for the immediate future. Default in August? Seems mighty unlikely. Besides, when is the last time you've heard of a government putting itself out of business?

Of course, markets can change their minds. That's what markets are, I suppose, a formal mechanism of inter-meshing mind-changing.

But, for now: Let the good times roll. Uncle Sugar isn't going to snap his wallet shut and tell Saipan, "Get a job, dude, you're on your own." Ain't gonna' happen. So don't worry.

However, beyond the immediate circus, the U.S. debt situation really is a mighty zany gig, and there are troubles lurking in the future. I think I first mentioned the debt monster in this column over six years ago. It's not like it takes a genius to see the obvious, but, well, there you have it.

So this week's political Kabuki show in Washington isn't a "crisis." Instead, it's just the nature of decline in mature economies that lose their vigor. I guess the best word is "decay," not "crisis." And the nature of decay is that once it starts, it just keeps on going. All the drama about reversing the process is just that: drama.

But anything beyond the immediate U.S. fiscal situation is not of interest to most folks on Saipan, so let's not worry about it today.

Meanwhile, may I mention one thing this little sideshow did? The calliope drowned out some real news. As the people enjoy their bread and their circus, the heavies are quietly placing their bets, and just by chance I caught a humdinger of a story on Bloomberg. Here it is: General Electric, the world's largest maker of medical-imaging machines, is moving its imaging headquarters out of the U.S.

Where to? China.

This is no pipsqueak move. Medical imaging is a huge deal, part of the very cutting edge (well, more to the point, non-cutting, I suppose) of advanced medicine. Want to talk technological marvels? This is it, sort of the best flavor of science-fiction that really helps people.

So here's a thought: As a counterpoint to decay in certain Western venues, it would be mondo cool if industrial Asia goes on a biotech bender and starts curing serious diseases; cancer, diabetes, and stuff like that. I don't know if it's a realistic thing to expect. But it's nice to think about. I guess we'll just have to wait and see. But for all the efforts various nations put into building their global images, I think making a major medical breakthrough would be a powerful way to build a good image. The GE gig has got me thinking about that kind of stuff, as more and more talent is attracted to Asia.

Moving from breakthroughs to just plain breaking, here's an update on a little cyber-gremlin. Amidst this week's hype and worries about debt markets, I did get more email asking why the market data page I put on my site for *Saipan Tribune* readers is still missing in action. Well, it's down because it somehow got a bad hair day, mussed up from feed from a stock market widget, and I can't figure out how to straighten it out. Doggone thing.

Which leads us back to markets, and bonds, and debt, and the world's largest debtor, which, of course, is the U.S. I'll be keeping an eye on this for you, so you don't have to have a nervous breakdown from following the hype in the media, much of which is utter nonsense. I really think the O.J. Simpson trial was a higher-minded event.

If you'd like some real insights into markets, then just walk around Garapan and talk to a vacationing Japanese housewife. I've been told, but haven't yet verified, that Japanese households hold something like U.S. $11 trillion in liquid assets, and these assets are typically managed by the wives. They're a major force in financial markets now. I'll pass along the information if and when I get some more facts on this topic.

Presidential proclamation on the ADA anniversary

Editor's Note: *The following is the text of the proclamation that President Obama signed on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, to celebrate the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Submitted by Jim Rayphand, executive director, Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc.*

By BARACK OBAMA

Barack Obama is the President of the United States of America.

Generations of Americans with disabilities have improved our country in countless ways. Refusing to accept the world as it was, they have torn down the barriers that prohibited them from fully realizing the American dream. Their tireless efforts led to the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), one of the most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation in our Nation's history. On this day, we celebrate the 21st anniversary of the ADA and the progress we have made, and we reaffirm our commitment to ensure equal opportunity for all Americans.

Each day, people living with disabilities make immeasurable contributions to the diversity and vitality of our communities. Nearly one in five Americans lives with a disability. They are our family members and friends, neighbors and colleagues, and business and civic leaders. Since the passing of the ADA, persons with disabilities are leading fuller lives in neighborhoods that are more accessible and have greater access to new technologies. In our classrooms, young people with disabilities now enjoy the same educational opportunities as their peers and are gaining the tools necessary to reach their greatest potential.

Despite these advancements, there is more work to be done, and my Administration remains committed to ending all forms of discrimination and upholding the rights of Americans with disabilities. The Department of Justice continues to strengthen enforcement of the ADA by ensuring that persons with disabilities have access to community-based services that allow them to lead independent lives in the communities of their choosing. Under provisions of the Affordable Care Act, insurers will no longer be able to engage in the discriminatory practice of denying coverage based on pre-existing conditions, and Americans with disabilities will have greater control over their health care choices. And last year, I signed an Executive Order establishing the Federal Government as a model employer for individuals with disabilities, placing a special focus on recruitment and retention of public servants with disabilities across Federal agencies.

Through the ADA, America was the first country in the world to comprehensively declare equality for citizens with disabilities. To continue promoting these principles, we have joined in signing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. At its core, this Convention promotes equality. It seeks to ensure that persons with disabilities enjoy the same rights and opportunities as all people, and are able to lead their lives as do other individuals.

Eventual ratification of this Convention would represent another important step in our forty-plus years of protecting disability rights. It would offer us a platform to encourage other countries to join and implement the Convention. Broad implementation would mean greater protections and benefits abroad for millions of Americans with disabilities, including our veterans, who travel, conduct business, study, reside, or retire overseas. In encouraging other countries to join and implement the Convention, we also could help level the playing field to the benefit of American companies, who already meet high standards under United States domestic law. Improved disabilities standards abroad would also afford American businesses increased opportunities to export innovative products and technologies, stimulating job creation at home.

Equal access, equal opportunity, and the freedom to make of our lives what we will are principles upon which our Nation was founded, and they continue to guide our efforts to perfect our Union. Together, we can ensure our country is not deprived of the full talents and contributions of the approximately 54 million Americans living with disabilities, and we will move forward with the work of providing pathways to opportunity to all of our people.

Now, therefore, I, Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, July 26, 2011, the Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. I encourage Americans across our Nation to celebrate the 21st anniversary of this civil rights law and the many contributions of individuals with disabilities.

For more on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please contact the NMPASI Office at (670) 235-7273/4 [voice] / 235-7275 [fax] / 235-7278 [tty] or contact us on-line at www.nmpasi.org.

Letter to the Editor

The financial mess we're in

When the Republicans had the White House eight years ago, they never really cared how they spent the nation's budget. At the same time, ex-military war contractors were making millions and millions in the Bush and Cheney administration, the nation's budget was out of control or in a big deep ditch, as we are trying to get out of this big deep hole. When Wall Street and the bankers crashed our financial economy, a lot of people lost their homes and ended up on the street and these Republican still don't want to look at the reality we face today: that it was on their watch when the economy crashed.

Now Paul Ryan (R-WI), chair of the House Budget Committee, released a budget plan that he claims will bring the size of government down and cap its growth and, if I may add, save the rich, tax the middle class Americans, and give big tax breaks to millionaires and billionaires. Let's not be fooled. These Republicans are in the deep pockets of the big, rich investors. Look at how other state Republicans are eliminating police union benefits, fire union benefits, and teachers' union benefits across the U.S., even eliminating women's rights and cutting off children's nutrition services. Hopefully they cannot eliminate food stamps. His proposal cuts $6 trillion over the next decade by bringing non-security discretionary spending to 2008 levels, reforming Medicare by offering government-subsidized private insurance options and reforming Medicaid through state block grants. In other words, these budget cuts will eliminate Medicare and Medicaid and put the power back into the hands of rich insurance corporations who could drop you from getting emergency medical services.

This budget plan is more aggressive than the proposal released by the President's bipartisan Fiscal Commission, a panel on which he was a member. The Commission's proposal, released in December, closes the budget gap by cutting spending by $4 trillion and raising taxes in the next decade. This is way too radical, given the fact that our economy need to be nurtured slowly out of the big ditch the GOP put us in in the last eight years.

Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), ranking member on the Budget Committee, responded to the proposal. He said, "Behind the sunny rhetoric of reform, the Republican budget represents the rigid ideological agenda that extends tax cuts to the rich and powerful at the expense of the rest of America, except this time on steroids." To the tea party radicals who think the federal government is the problem, when their houses were devastated by the tornados they came crying to the federal government for help. Okay now tea party folks, who is your daddy now? This is like a double-edge sword—damned of you do and damned if you don't. We all need our federal government and FEMA in time of typhoons or tornados.

Another set of lawmakers, known as the "Gang of Six," is also working on a long-term budget proposal. This bipartisan group of senators says everything is on the table: cuts to defense spending, entitlement reform and tax increases. I like this plan because it is responsible at a time when our economy needs to grow and will help our financial economy in the long run and create more jobs in the future as we climb out if this big hole our Republicans put us through eight years ago.

Jack O. Romolor
Portland, Ore.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers. South winds 15 to 25 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. South winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼76°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼80
Palau	Rain	▲85	▼78
Yap	Rain	▲85	▼76
Chuuk	Showers	▲83	▼76
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87	▼74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Majuro	Showers	▲86	▼77

Around The Globe

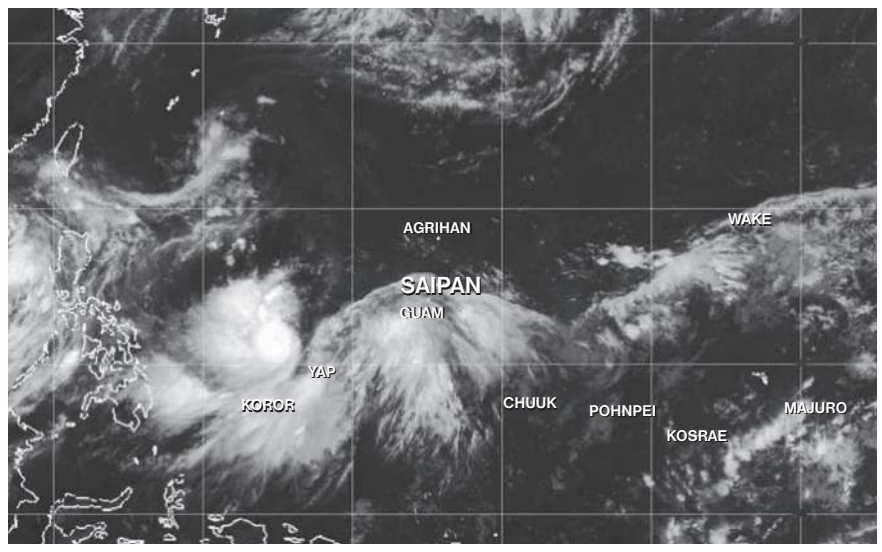
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲59	▼52
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲86	▼69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼81
Honolulu	Showers	▲87	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼53
Los Angeles	Mostly Sunny	▲80	▼65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲83	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲54	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲92	▼82
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲92	▼75
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲86	▼76
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼53
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼74
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲82	▼65
Salem	Sunny	▲85	▼57
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼60
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲87	▼74
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲82	▼75
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲100	▼82

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:18 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet
5:18 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:50 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
7:54 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm 11W is centered near 13N137E moving west at 16 mph with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over Yap and Koror within an area bounded by a line from 16N136E to 6N140E to 3N135E to 5N130E to 14N130E back to 16N136E. For more information on Tropical Storm 11W, see advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ32 PGUM or bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. A monsoon trough undulates eastward from 15N130E through Tropical Storm 11W to end near17N158E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Guam and northeast of Yap within an area bounded by a line from 13N139E to 15N143E to 14N150E to 9N150E to 6N153E back to 13N139E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found well north of Pohnpei within the convergent southerly flow within 50 miles of a line from 17N155E to 17N160E and within 125 miles of a line from 12N156E to 17N165E to 17N170E. Converging trade winds are producing scattered showers east of Kosrae and across the southern Marshall Islands within an area bounded by a line from 8N170E to 8N178E to 2N173E to 1N163E back to 8N170E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:58 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Monday	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:47 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:09 AM	5:25 PM
Saturday	5:08 AM	6:15 PM
Sunday	6:07 AM	7:03 PM
Monday	7:06 AM	7:49 PM
Tuesday	8:04 AM	8:34 PM

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C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 4

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
OZ604/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN
OZ604/715	3:20pm	11:30pm	7
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM
5K168	3:25pm	6:35pm	1, 4, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN

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GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:50am+1	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 4, 7 via GUM
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:25am+1	3, 6 via GUM
C0934/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/603	12:30am	2:20pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
5K169	9:55am	5:00pm	2, 5, 7
OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C0910/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
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FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
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FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

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FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
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FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Letter to the Editor

This is paradise!

In response to Vicente M. Sablan's letter dated July 27, 2011, in the *Saipan Tribune*, I want to make clear some points to his reference. Yes, at one point 700,000 tourists came to the islands. Today, how many tourists coming to the islands now are gamblers? Not all tourists are gamblers. Most tourists, if not all, are here on vacation. For the third time, I mentioned that if they are on vacation with their children then that's where a shopping mall is more viable. It's family-oriented and also it's good for our local population alike. It will once again boost hotel occupancy. Dive shops and tour agencies will thrive again.

Remember that our tourists are here for different types of fun activities. They are not here to see an island that looks like Tokyo. It's the reason why they chose Saipan as a their vacation destination. If we have a casino on Saipan, who in their right mind will spend a few more dollars to fly to Tinian, moreover to Rota? Tinian and Rota are in bad state now and I think it's prudent that they should be prioritized. It's enough that the poker parlors are destroying families.

Vince G. Cabrera
Chalan Piao, Saipan

Thank you, Rep. Ray S. Basa

A quick phone call last week and action this week by Rep. Basa regarding the unbearable road condition at the Kanat Tabla Drive, in particular the road after the paved section of CMS quarry leading to former Kanat Tabla Shooting Range, certainly deserves mentioning and gratitude. Mindful of our dwindling government financial resources, Congressman Basa made it happened. On another note, can you update your constituents in that area as to when that subject road be paved?

Keep up the good work Congressman Basa, we need more public servants of your caliber.

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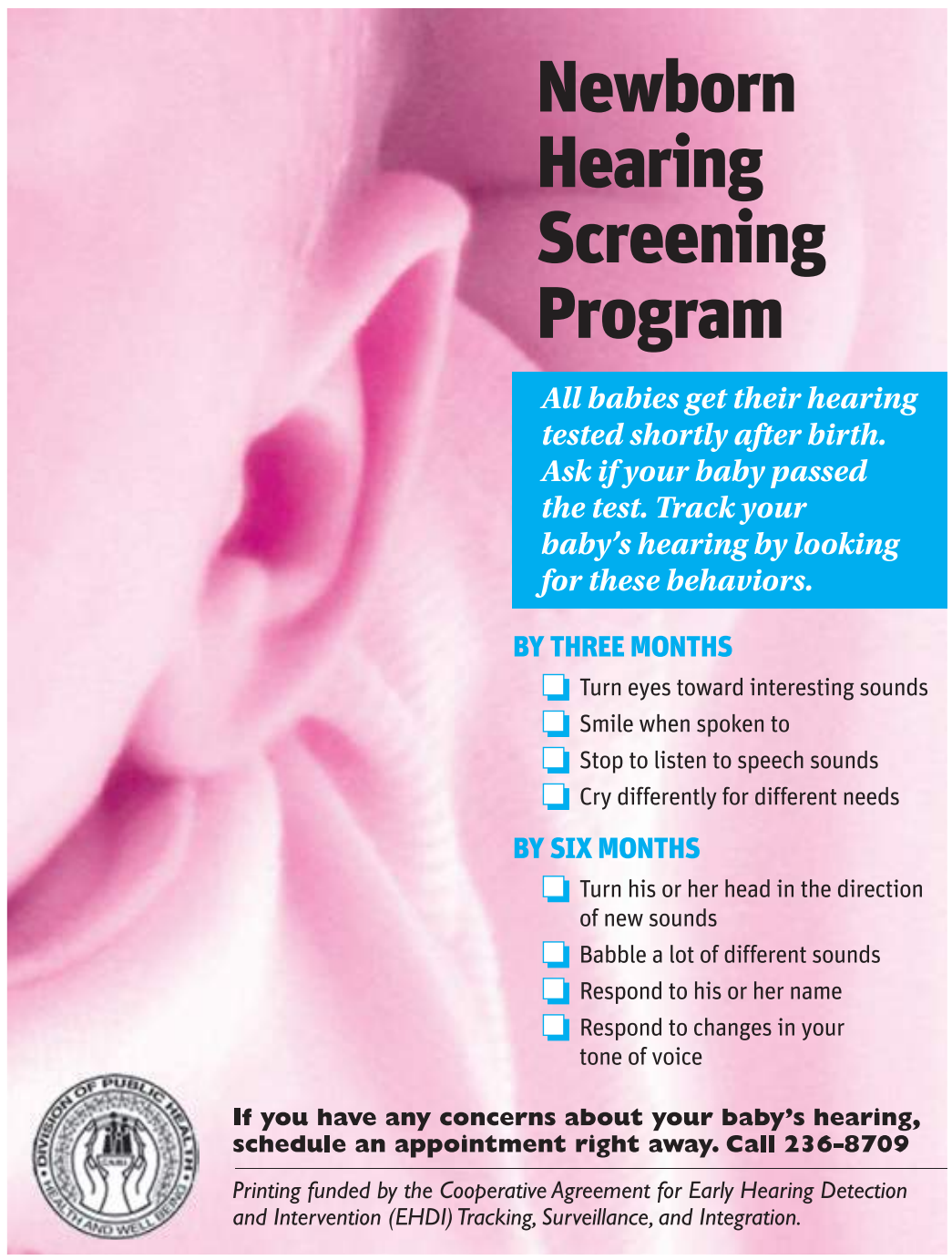
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With lower budget, public library faces a tough year

» More service hours may need to be cut

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The already "limited" services being offered at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library may be cut even further if the Legislature ignores pleas to restore the working hours of its staff, according to library executive director John Oliver Gonzales yesterday.

Gonzales reiterated yesterday to members of the House Ways and Means Committee the need to exempt library personnel from the planned austerity measure for the next fiscal year.

Students are seen checking out books during a visit at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library yesterday.
MONETH G. DEPOSA

The public library employs six part-time federally funded personnel and seven who are paid with local funds, including the executive director.

The library was budgeted $217,240 for its personnel in the beginning of fiscal year 2011. This dropped to $109,669 as a result of budget cuts implemented by the Executive Branch.

Gonzales disclosed yesterday that the same budget ceiling of $109,669 is being proposed for the library in fiscal year 2012, plus about $20,000 for operations and supplies.

If that budget passes, Gonzales said the library will have "very tough year" and will be forced to implement further cuts in its service hours.

This year's budget cuts has already resulted in the library having only four days of service—from Wednesday to Saturday and, if holidays fall within these days, the facility also closes down. This has resulted in complaints and negative feedback from the reading community, Gonzales said.

He stressed that the library is ancillary to the Public School System, which has been exempted from the austerity measures.

On Aug. 11, Gonzales will face the Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee to take up the library's proposed budget for next fiscal year.

"Statistics show that thousands of people visit and patronize their public library because all services we provide are free. During these resource challenging times, our library must be more relevant, open, accessible, and available to our people," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Despite having only four days of full service, an estimated 500 people visit the facility each day, Gonzales said. During summer, the number significantly increases due to various reading programs conducted by schools and organizations.

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library has been operating without a librarian since 2005 due to a funding shortfall. The position, according to Gonzales, was eliminated five years ago and has never been restored.

The seven locally-funded staffers are employed as librarian aides. If austerity will continue in fiscal year 2012, Gonzales said the library may soon lose its workforce because many of them are looking for alternative jobs.

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PHI Pharmacy marks 15th year with opening of Kagman branch

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

PHI Pharmacy, the Commonwealth's leading and most trusted pharmacy, is celebrating 15 years of serving the island community today, July 29, 2011. To commemorate this auspicious and celebratory occasion, PHI Pharmacy will have the formal grand opening of its newest store inside Joeten store in Kagman and offers 25 percent off on all OTC products and 50 percent off selected products.

"Our latest store is located in Kagman for the convenience of the people because there's a large segment of the population living in that area," said PHI Pharmacy owner Bruce A. Cohen. "With the expensive price of gas and transportation being a major concern, PHI wants to make sure people have access to outpatient pharmaceuticals."

PHI Pharmacy, Cohen said, endeavors "to take away the barriers" so that people could easily have access to their medications.

The Kagman store, which had its soft opening on June 20, is PHI Pharmacy's fourth location. Other branches are conveniently located in different areas on the island: at the Commonwealth Health Center in Navy Hill, Joeten Building in Dandan, and at Marina Heights II in Puerto Rico.

Cohen, a licensed pharmacist, told the *Saipan Tribune* that the Kagman store will be PHI Pharmacy's biggest or flagship pharmacy.

"Our customers will see a massive upgrade of services at our Kagman location where they can have more access to pharmaceuticals. We also expanded into the homecare area. We work with nursing agencies, supplying them with medications and supplies necessary to keep patients out of the hospital and provide services at home," he said.

With the new location, PHI also formed a separate division

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The cashier office in the Joeten Dandan location will be open normal business hours and payments are being accepted. Due to the system issues, manual receipts will be provided.

Customers are advised that due dates for payments will be strictly enforced and everyone is encouraged to pay their CUC bills when due to avoid disconnection.

The prepaid meter token system is not affected and is functioning normally.

Other than payment processing, most other customer service functions are limited at this time due to the unavailability of the customer information system. We apologize for any inconvenience and are working diligently to restore normal operations as soon as possible.

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for wholesaling. "We wholesale to doctors' offices and other organizations that purchase pharmaceuticals and medical supplies," said Cohen, adding that the wholesale and homecare areas are "growing rapidly."

PHI through the years

According to Cohen, PHI Pharmacy has improved its services "tremendously" in the course of 15 years. "We privatized the outpatient pharmacy at CHC, starting out just selling prescription drugs, [then] expanding into over the counter medication," he reveals.

After a while, Cohen realized the need for PHI Pharmacy to have other locations, prompting him to expand first in Dandan, then Puerto Rico, and now in Kagman. PHI Pharmacy now has close to 30 staff, including Cohen, who serve and provide assistance to the stores' growing clientele base.

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PHI Pharmacy owner Bruce A. Cohen, center, is joined by his staff.

"PHI has increased sales year after year since we opened 15 years ago, despite the economic hard times. People need medicine and they always rely on PHI for their medical needs," added Cohen.

For PHI Pharmacy's hard-earned success, Cohen gives credit to the trust that customers have with their four stores, hence the pharmacy's tagline, "The pharmacy you can trust."

"Trust is very important," emphasized Cohen. "We get calls constantly from patients, whether they bought the products here or not—we're available to them. Doctors call us and ask questions. We're a source of information on medical, pharmaceuticals, diseases, and other info for the community."

In fact, PHI Pharmacy hands out informative brochures about prevention and care for different diseases and conditions such as diabetes, obesity, and hypertension. It maintains a website, www.phipharmacy.com, which contains more information about disease prevention and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

"The website is link to other national websites such as the Good Neighbor Pharmacy and the Diabetes Shoppe" said Cohen.

PHI Pharmacy also accepts orders from customers who need certain prescribed medications and OTC items that are not currently available at any of the stores or on the island.

What's more, PHI Pharmacy also has a tie up with the College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, serving as a host to graduating students who perform a six-week rotation of internship at the pharmacy.

Cohen disclosed that PHI Pharmacy has a strong partnership with the government, providing pharmaceutical and supplies to most of their offices. "We lend our expertise to the government when they ask and we provide them with support," he said, adding that PHI Pharmacy also provides assistance to TLC Learning Center, which caters to people with disabilities.

Cohen emphasized that all their stores accept not just Medicaid but also private, local, and national insurances. He said PHI Pharmacy also provides a medical indigent assistance program for people who don't qualify for Medicaid and don't have private insurance. "We go the extra mile to make sure that people have what they need," he added.

Anniversary promotion

Aside from the grand opening of its Kagman store, PHI Pharmacy will mark its 15th anniversary with a special 25-percent discount on all OTC items and durable medical equipment at all four locations beginning July 29 through Aug. 12.

"It's our way of telling our loyal patrons that we appreciate their business, we appreciate their loyalty, and we hope to meet all their needs in the future and exceed their expectations," said Cohen.

According to Cohen, PHI Pharmacy does have regular promotions, at least quarterly, which are a big hit especially for those on a tight budget and seek savings on their pharmacy purchases.

"Even though the cost of transportation and freight has gone up, the price of our pharmaceuticals has not changed," he noted.

Cohen added, "We look forward to serving the community in the coming years."

Vision for the future

After 15 years, PHI Pharmacy already has four locations on island and has served thousands of customers along the way. What else does the trusted pharmacy in the CNMI want to achieve in the coming years?

"We'd like to participate in as many community activities, health fairs, and functions as possible," reveals Cohen. "In the past, we have gone to many functions and provided free information and literature. We want to make sure pharmaceutical knowledge is easily accessible as well as pharmaceutical products and supplies."

Cohen pointed out that PHI is deeply involved in the island community.

"There is a need to understand the severity of obesity, diabetes, and hypertension—the silent killers. There should be compliance with regard to people taking their medications as these can postpone or completely alleviate future complications," he explained.

According to Cohen, PHI Pharmacy is in a "unique position" as it not only carries a lot of responsibility but also gives a lot of fulfillment. "It makes you feel very good when you're around town and somebody walks up to you and says 'thank you for helping us.'"

Indeed, the community trusts PHI Pharmacy. Visit any of its four locations for your pharmaceutical needs. CHC-Navy Hill location is open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 4pm on Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays. The Dandan store is open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and will soon open on Saturdays. The Marina Heights-Puerto Rico store is open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. The new Kagman location is open from 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 4pm Saturday.

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Maxwell House 34.5 oz. $9.99

Coffee Mate 50 oz. $9.99 $8.99 3 DAYS ONLY JULY 1, 2 & 3

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Lipton Ice Tea 4 oz. $6.99

Kool Aid 5 lbs. $8.99

Sunkist 1 Case Warm Only $6.99

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Business

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fed survey: Growth slows across much of the US

WASHINGTON (AP)—The economy worsened in much of the country earlier this summer, hampered by high unemployment, weak home sales and signs of a slowdown in manufacturing. A survey by the Federal Reserve, released Wednesday, found that weak consumer spending, slow job growth and tight credit are restraining growth into the second half of the year. Growth slowed in eight of the Fed's 12 bank regions in June and early July, the report found, compared with the spring. That marked the worst showing this year. The Fed's survey found that factory output weakened in some areas. That's likely to heighten concerns that manufacturing, one of the economy's few bright spots over the past two years, is sputtering.

ADB: Inflation threatens East Asian growth

HONG KONG (AP)—Surging inflation, a weak post-tsunami economic recovery in Japan and debt woes in the U.S. and Europe threaten East Asia's economic outlook, the Asian Development Bank said Thursday. The Manila-based lender maintained its economic growth forecasts for 14 emerging and newly industrializing East Asian countries in 2011 and 2012. But it said the region faces risks that also include more volatile financial markets and destabilizing inflows of short term capital, also known as "hot money." The ADB's growth forecasts were unchanged from a report in April, with East Asia forecast to expand nearly 8 percent this year and next. But it indicated that the outlooks for a few countries including China could be downgraded.

Obama to announce fuel economy standards on Friday

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama plans to announce new fuel economy standards for cars and light trucks for the model years 2017 through 2025 at an event Friday in Washington. The administration has been in negotiations with automakers on boosting fuel economy. Officials familiar with the talks told The Associated Press this week that recent changes to the standards for light trucks have reduced the proposal to 54.5 miles per gallon by 2025.

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Nation

Girl gets charity wish met after death in car accident

SEATTLE (AP)—In honor of her 9th birthday, Rachel Beckwith asked friends and family to donate money to bring clean water to an African village. Rachel was close to meeting her goal of raising $300 when she died last week after a car accident.

In her memory, strangers have now made her dream come true many times over.

By Wednesday afternoon, some 10,000 people had donated more than $400,000 to "charity: water" in Rachel's honor, many in gifts of $9 each. On a website set up by Rachel and her mother before her birthday, she explained the inspiration for her project.

"I found out that millions of people don't live to see their 5th birthday. And why? Because they didn't have access to clean, safe water so I'm celebrating my birthday like never before," she wrote. "I'm asking from everyone I know to donate to my campaign instead of gifts for my birthday."

By her June 12 birthday, $220 was raised and the page was closed. On July 20, Rachel was fatally injured in a 13-car pileup on Interstate 90 in Bellevue, Wash. Over the weekend, she was taken off life support and a pastor from her church arranged for the donation page to be reopened.

On Monday, Rachel's mom, Samantha Paul, who was also injured in the accident and has declined to be interviewed, thanked donors online for their generosity.

"I am in awe of the overwhelming love to take my daughter's dream and make it a reality. In the face of unexplainable pain you have provided undeniable hope," Paul wrote. "I know Rachel is smiling!"

Her little sister, Sienna, was also in the car but not seriously injured.

The total raised by Rachel's appeal for "charity: water" has been growing exponentially since the weekend, increasing by nearly $100,000 on Wednesday.

"Charity: water" estimates each $20 donation is enough to provide one person with clean drinking water for 20 years.

AP

In this image provided by charity: water, Rachel Beckwith is seen in an undated photo.

ACROSS THE NATION

Lawmaker: 40 Americans join terrorists in Somalia

WASHINGTON (AP)—Twice as many Americans as previously reported by law enforcement have traveled overseas to join an al-Qaida-linked organization, a congressional investigation found. The findings, discussed in a congressional hearing on Wednesday, are an indication the Somalia-based terrorist group has an even deeper reach into the U.S. More than 40 Americans have traveled to war-torn Somalia to join the terrorist group al-Shabab, an investigation by Republican staff on the House Homeland Security Committee found. Al-Shabab, which initially focused on regional grievances, has expanded its focus to include targeting the West and recruiting Americans toward that cause.

FBI joins search for girl missing from NH town

STEWARTSTOWN, N.H. (AP)—The disappearance of an 11-year-old girl from her house just a mile from the Canadian border rattled nerves in her small town Wednesday as crews searched the Connecticut River and cordoned the house with police tape. Celina Cass was last seen in her house at a computer around 9 p.m. Monday and was gone the next morning, authorities said. Police have said that there's no indication she ran away or that someone took her, and there are no signs of a struggle. On Wednesday, the FBI joined the investigation into Celina's disappearance and prosecutors from the attorney general's office arrived in Stewartstown and took charge of it.

Authorities examine body of girl killed in 1957

CHICAGO (AP)—Illinois authorities on Wednesday began examining the remains of a 7-year-old girl who was abducted and killed more than 50 years ago, trying to find clues that would help them put together a criminal case against a 71-year-old former neighbor. The body of Maria Ridulph was exhumed early Wednesday, weeks after authorities announced they'd arrested Jack Daniel McCullough in Seattle and charged him with murder in the death of the girl, who was abducted by a man as she played outside her home in Sycamore in December 1957. Maria's body was found the following spring in a wooded area about 120 miles from her home.

Hope for debt deal, despite disputes, veto threat

WASHINGTON (AP)—Crisis concerns rising, House Republican leaders shrugged off a White House veto threat and an outbreak of tensions within their own party Wednesday as they built support for legislation to stave off the government default threatened for next week. Worried Wall Street sent stocks plunging on fears that political gridlock would prevail.

With some politicians talking of economic Armageddon, Americans coast to coast were suddenly focusing on debt and deficit matters that most would have dismissed as arcane until recently. Some lawmakers' offices were inundated with phone calls and emails, many urging some kind of deal to avert the possibility of calamity.

Weary Washington pushed ahead, and there was even some hopeful talk.

"We're getting there," said House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, one day ahead of a scheduled vote on his GOP bill to cut trillions in federal spending in exchange for increasing the debt limit the government will collide with next Tuesday.

The While House disparaged the bill Republicans were working so hard to pass, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada was even more emphatic. "A big wet kiss for the right wing," he called it.

The White House has threatened a veto, saying the bill does not meet President Barack Obama's demand for an increase in the debt limit large enough to prevent a rerun of the current crisis next year, in the heat of the 2012 election campaign.

Instead, Obama supports an alternative drafted by Reid that also cuts spending yet provides enough additional borrowing authority to tide the government over through 2012.

For all the bluster, there were hints that a compromise might be near.

"Magic things can happen here in Congress in a very short period of time under the right circumstances," Reid told reporters.

Without legislation in place by Aug. 2, administration officials say the Treasury will not be able to pay all the nation's bills, possibly triggering a default that could prove catastrophic for an economy still recovering from the worst recession in decades.

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World

Rains, mudslides submerge Seoul, kill 36

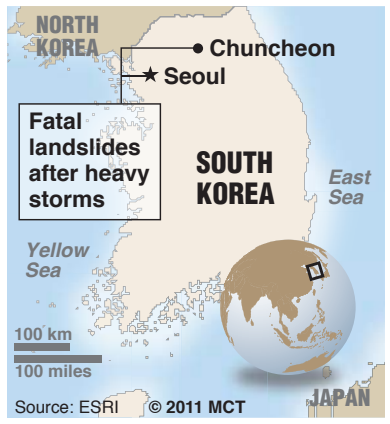
SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Walls of mud barreling down a hill buried 10 college students sleeping in a resort cabin and flash floods submerged the streets and subway stations in Seoul, killing at least 36 people Wednesday in South Korea's heaviest rains this year.

The students were engulfed by a landslide in Chuncheon, about 68 miles (110 kilometers) northeast of Seoul, said fire marshal Byun In-soo. A married couple and a convenience store owner also died.

Witnesses interviewed on television said the landslide sounded like a massive explosion or a freight train. They described people screaming as buildings were carried away by rivers of mud.

About 670 firefighters, soldiers, police and others rushed to rescue those trapped and extract the dead from the mud and wreckage in Chuncheon, where 24 others were injured and several buildings destroyed.

Yonhap news agency reported the 10 students attended Inha University in Incheon, but did not confirm they all were South Korean. The group was volunteering at a local elementary school.



In southern Seoul, 16 people died when mud crashed through homes at the foot of a mountain. The National Emergency Management Agency reported seven deaths due to flooding in a stream just south of the capital and said the toll was expected to rise as dozens of people were missing.

Fast-moving mudwaters filled the streets in Seoul on Wednesday, sending residents scrambling to the roofs of their partially submerged cars.

Water filled some subway stations and spewed from sewers. TV images showed people in one flooded subway station using shovels, brooms and a wooden board in an effort to keep more rain from coming in. Yonhap reported Internet and wireless connections failed in southern Seoul due to power failures.

Footage showed officials rescuing hikers stranded on mountainsides. People plodded down streets covered with knee-deep water, many barefoot, their pants rolled up. In Seoul's center, cars were restricted from entering the lower part of a submerged two-level bridge.

WORLD BRIEFS

Space station to plunge into ocean at end in 2020

MOSCOW (AP)—A Russian space official said Wednesday that once the mammoth International Space Station is no longer needed it will be sent into the Pacific Ocean. It's a plan that's long been in the works and is a step to avoid the station becoming dangerous space junk. It was supposed to plunge into the ocean as early as 2015. The U.S. recently extended its life until at least 2020, and there's been talk of keeping it going even longer. Vitaly Davydov, deputy head of the Russian space agency, said the orbiting outpost will be destroyed in a controlled descent to Earth "so that there is no space junk left behind." Russia sank its Mir space station in the Pacific in 2001 after 15 years in operation. Skylab, America's first space station, fell from orbit in 1979 after six years in space.

Norway PM: After attacks, make country more open

OSLO, Norway (AP)—Five days after an attacker incensed by Norway's culture of tolerance horrified the world, Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg on Wednesday issued a quiet call of defiance to his countrymen: Make Norway even more open and accepting. "The Norwegian response to violence is more democracy, more openness and greater political participation," Stoltenberg insisted at a news conference. His promise in the face of twin attacks that killed 76 people signaled a contrast to the U.S. response after the 9/11 attacks, when Washington gave more leeway to perform wiretaps and to search records. It reflects the difference between the two countries' approaches to terrorism: The U.S. has been frustrated by what it considers Scandinavia's lack of aggressive investigation and arrests.

Food supplements airlifted into famine-hit Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—A plane carrying 10 tons of urgently needed nutritional supplements to treat malnourished children has landed in famine-hit Somalia, a U.N. official said Wednesday. The airlift is part of a crisis intervention as famine threatens to spread across lawless Somalia. David Orr, a World Food Program spokesman who flew with the shipment from neighboring Kenya to the Somali capital of Mogadishu, said it was the first airlift of food aid since the U.N. declared a famine in parts of Somalia last week. Orr said the aid would be distributed to medical facilities to treat the malnourished children.

Murder of Afghan mayor deals new setback to Karzai

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP)—An assassin struck at the heart of President Hamid Karzai's political machine in southern Afghanistan Wednesday, killing the mayor of Kandahar with an exploding turban and deepening a power vacuum in the Taliban's main stronghold. The slaying of Mayor Ghulam Haider Hamidi was the third killing of a Karzai associate in a little more than two weeks. On July 12, a close associate gunned down Karzai's powerful half brother at his home in Kandahar. Five days later, gunmen in Kabul killed Jan Mohammad Khan, a presidential adviser on tribal issues and a former governor of Uruzgan province, which is also in the south.

Lion with paralyzed legs dies in Brazil

SAO PAULO (AP)—Ariel, a paralyzed male lion whose fight to walk again became the focus of an Internet fundraising campaign and captured wide media attention in Brazil, died Wednesday, his owner said. On the lion's Facebook page, owner Raquel Borges said: "Our beloved Ariel is gone. This is the saddest day of my life." Further details were not immediately available. The Facebook page created by Borges was "liked" by more than 62,500 people. The lion's death made headlines on Brazil's biggest news portals and was a top worldwide trending item on Twitter.

2 police killed, railway bombed in south Thailand

PATTANI, Thailand (AP)—The southernmost part of Thailand's rail system was shut down Wednesday after two bombs damaged the tracks, while suspected Muslim insurgents shot dead two policemen riding a motorcycle. Police said the bombs were detonated in Narathiwat province on a section of the line leading to the town of Sungai Kolok on the border with Malaysia. Repairs were still being done Wednesday afternoon. There were no casualties and the perpetrators were not identified.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE OF PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to lease certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The proposed lease of public land is described as Lot No. 011 D 24, containing an area of approximately 707 square meters, more or less, situated in Garapan, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The prospective lessee is Rigel Corporation, a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors for the Corporation is Ning Ning Li, Shaoli Che, and Shao Hong C. Walker.

The President of the Corporation is Ning Ning Li, Vice President is Shaoli Che, and Secretary/Treasurer is Shao Hong C. Walker.

iii. The proposed lease was negotiated by Mr. Manuel J. Alvarez.

iv. The lessee shall use the premises solely for expansion of their Iron Horse Auto Shop, parking space for customers' and employees' vehicular and other related operations.

The term of the proposed lease agreement is 25 years, with an option to extend the lease for an additional 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the property, including existing structure(s).

v. A copy of the proposed lease agreement may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; Songsong Commercial Building, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public land in Garapan, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 4, 2011 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT MAPROPONIN INEKSTENDIN INATKILON TANU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106(a) yan (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku guini ha nå'i nutisia ni intension-ña para u atkila pumalu na tånu' pupbliku siha giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Isla Marianas siha. Maseha håyi na pattida siha gi halum i pupbliku henerât siña ha na'hålum i imfotmasion, opiñon, pat testamoñun kinentra siha gi tinahguen propositu siha ni para i atkilon tånu' pupbliku. Sigi mås mo'na mapribeniyi ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin imfotmasion ni madimånda ni debi na u mapupblika.

i. I lugåt atkilon siha madeskribi komu tano' pupbliku Lot No. 011 D 24, kinonsisti årian kåsi guaha 707 square meters, mås pat menus,ni gaigi giya Garapan, Saipan. I kopian i pumalu na lugåt gaigi na gumuaha gi Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni para i rikunosimientu.

ii. I manatkikila i Rigel Corporation, i CNMI Corporation. I Kuetpun Direktot siha para i Corporation si Ning Ning Li, Shaoli Che, yan si Shao Hong C. Walker.

I Presidenti gi Corporation si Ning Ning Li, i sigundu Presidenti si Shaoli Che, yan i Sekritåriu / Tresureriu si Shao Hong C. Walker.

iii. I maproponi na atkilon manigosiu gi as Siñot Manual J. Alvarez.

iv. I manatkikila debi na u kontinua umusa i lugåt siha uniku para i hinangai para i mana'dångkulun i iyo-ñiha Iron Horse Shop, kåmpun parking para i kåstuma siha yan i tumobit emple'åo yan ottru ni mana'achuli' siha na operasion.

I teman i kuntråtan atkilon ha ekstendi gi 25 åñus, yan option para u ma'ekstendi i atkilon gi ta'lu 15 åñus.

I manmaproponi na åpas atkilon gi sakkan gi duråntin i tema sigun gi percentage gi appraised fair market value gi propiedåt siha såsåonåo i existing structure(s).

v. Kopian i manmaproponi na kontråta ekstension atkilon siha siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha, gaigi gi segundu bibienda 2nd floor gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; gi Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet 1st bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. I Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha tåya' ha risibi tinahguin propositu siha para sinuhetun atkilon tanu' pupbliku siha giya Garapan, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritåriun i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha debi na u aksepta i tinigi' i imfotmasion, opiñon yan testamoñun kinentra pat tinahguin propositu siha ginin i manggai interes na pattida siha gi pat åntis di August 4, 2011 gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi Saipan, Luta, pat Tinian.

ARONGORONGOL POMWOL AKKILON-UL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (b) mellól Public Law 15-2, Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap ekke issiswoow ammataf igha e tipáli ebwe tingóór ebwe akkila eghus mereel falúweer toulap mewóól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Marianas. Ngáliir toulap schóókka re mwuschel nge rebwe issisilong yaar mwáliili, mángemáng me ngáre angiingi reel ifa meleil pomw kkaal reel akkilon-ul falúweer toulap. Me Public Law 15-2, e ayoor lamal aweewe kka e fisch ngáli milikka ebwe akkatéélo.

i. Pomwol akkilon-ul falúweer toulap ekke bwáári bwe Lot No. 011 D 24, emmwel ebwe yoor fisabwughúw fissuw (707) square meters, elapló ngáre eghus, elo Arabwal (Garapan), Seipél. Tiliighil ngáre kopiyal bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Land) bwe aubwe ghi ghuleey fischiy.

ii. Schééschél lessee nge Rigel Corporation, eew CNMI Corporation. Samwoolur (Board of Directors) Corporation yeel nge Ning Ning Li, Shaoli CHE, ME Shao Hong C. Walker. President-il Corporation yeel nge Ning Ning Li, Vice President nge Shaoli Che, me Secretary/Treasurer nge Shao Hong C. Walker.

iii. Schóól aweewel akkilon yeel nge Mr. Manuel J. Alvarez.

iv. Schóól lessee ebwe yááyá bwuley yeel reel ebwe atomwoghaló yaar Iron Horse Auto Shop, me parking space-il gharetta waar customers me schóól angaang me bwal akkááw mwóghut.

Tool aighúúghúl pomwol akkilon yeel nge reweigh me limwoow (25) ráágh, me ngáre e tipáli nge ebwe bwal sóbweló akkilon yeel bwal seigh me limwoow (15) ráágh.

Pomwol tool annual rental yeel nge ebwe bweibwogh mereel percentage-il reel méél falúw (appraised fair market value), me bwal akkayúú kka elo llól.

v. Tiliighil ngáre kopiyal pomwol abwungubwungul akkilon yeel nge emmwel ebwe bweibwogh mereel Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Lands), elo 2nd floor mereel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; Songsong Commercial Building, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor mereel Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.

vi. Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Lands) esáál bweibwogh mwo meleil pomwol akkilon kka falúweer toulap mellól Arabwal (Garapan), Seipél.

vii. Samwoolul Ammwelil Falúweeer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mwáliili, mángemáng, angiingi me ngáre ifa meleil pomwo kkaal sángi schóókka re tipáli rebwe issisolong wóól me ngáre mmwal August 4, 2011 mereel Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Lands offices) elo Seipél, Luuta, me ngáre Tchúliyúl.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (a) and (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to recommend the extension of a lease on certain public lands in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The lease extension is subject to the approval of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature in accordance with the mandate set out in Article XI, § 5(c) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The leased premises is described as public land Lot No. 011 L 01, containing an area of approximately 735,023 square meters, more or less, situated in Unai Dangkulu, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The lessee is Suwaso Corporation, a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Chairman), and Phillip Mendiola-Long.

The President and Treasurer of the Corporation is Yusuke Fumoto. The Vice President is Vincent DLG. Torres. The Secretary is Phillip Mendiola-Long.

iii. The proposed lease extension was negotiated by Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres.

iv. The lessee shall continue to use the premises solely for the purpose of operating and maintaining a golf course and cottage type resort and related facilities.

The term of the lease agreement extensions is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the properties.

v. Copies of the proposed lease extension agreements may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before August 10, 2011 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT MAPROPONIN INEKSTENDIN INATKILON TANU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106(a) yan (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku guini ha nå'i notisia ni intesion-ña para u rekumenda i inekstenden inatkilon gi pumalu na tånu' pupbliku siha giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Isla Marianas siha. Esti na inekstenden atkilon siha manmasuhetu para i inaprueban i Lehislaturan Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas gi sigun ni mamånda ni mapega huyung gi Attikilu XI, § 5(c) gi Konstitusion i Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha. Maseha håyi na petsona siha gi halum i pupbliku henerât siña ha na'hålum i imfotmasion, opiñon, pat testamoñun kinentra siha gi tinahguen propositu siha ni para i atkilon tånu' pupbliku. Sigi mås mo'na mapribeniyi ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin imfotmasion ni madimånda ni debi na u mapupblika.

i. I lugåt atkilon siha madeskribi komu tano' pupbliku Lot No. 011 L 01, kinonsisti årian kåsi guaha 735,023 square meters, putlumenus mås, ni gaige gi Inai Dångkulu, Saipan. I kopian i pumalu na lugåt gaigi na gumuaha gi Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni para i rikunosimientu.

ii. I manatkikila i Suwaso Corporation. I Kuetpon i Direktot siha gi Korporasion si Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Kabesiyu) yan si Phillip Mendiola-Long.

I Presidenti yan Treasurer gi Korporasion si Yusuke Fumoto. I sigundu Presidenti si Vincent DLG. Torres. I Sekritåriu si Phillip Mendiola-Long.

iii. I maproponi na ekstension atkilon manigosiu gi as Siñot Vincent DLG. Torres.

iv. I manatkikila debi na u kontinua umusa i lugåt siha uniku para i hinangai i operasion yan maintaining golf course yan cottage type resort yan mana'achuli' na fasilidåt siha.

I teman i kuntråtan atkilon ha ekstendi gi 15 åñus.

I manmaproponi na åpas atkilon gi sakkan gi duråntin i tema sigun gi percentage gi appraised fair market value gi propiedåt siha.

v. Kopian i manmaproponi na ekstension atkilon na kontråta siha siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha, gaigi gi segundu bibienda 2nd floor gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; gi Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet 1st bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. I Sekritåriun i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha debi na u aksepta i tinigi' i imfotmasion, opiñon yan testamoñun kinentra pat tinahguin propositu siha ginin i manggai interes na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Agosto 10, 2011 gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi Saipan, Luta, pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL EBWE SÓBWEEYLÓ AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (a) me (b) mellól Public Law 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha e tipáli bwe ebwe tingóór bwe extension reel akkilon mereel eghus falúweer toulap mewóól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Marianas. Lease extension yeel ebwe alúghúlúghló mereel Téél Falúw Kka Marianas Commonwealth Legislature sángi llól mandate e towoow mellól Article XI, § 5(c) llól Consttitution-ul Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Marianas. Reer toulap schóókka re mwuschel rebwe issisilong yaar aghiyegh, aweewe, angiingil pomwo kkaal reel akkilon-ul falúweer toulap. Me bwal Public Law 15-2, e ayoora lamal aweewe kka e fisch ngáli milikka ebwe akkatéélo.

i. Akkilonul falúw yeel nge ekke bwáárilló bwe public land Lot No. 011 L 01, emmwel ebwe yoor fisabwughúw eliigh me limwoow sangaras, reweigh me eluuw (735,023) square meters, elapló ngáre eghus, elo Unai Dangkulu, Seipél. Tiliighil bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyol Falúweer Toulap(Department of Public Land) bwe aubwe ghuleey fischiy.

ii. Schóól lessee nge Suwaso Corporation, eew CNMI Corporation. Samwoolur Board-ul Corporation yeel nge ikka, Yusuke Fumoto, Vincent DLG. Torres (Samwoolul), me Phillip Mendiola-Long.

President me Treasurer reel Corporation yeel nge Yusuke Fumoto. Vice President nge Vincent DLG. Torres. Secretary nge Phillip Mendiola-Long.

iii. Schóól aweewel pomwol lease extension yeel nge Mr. Vincent DLG. Torres.

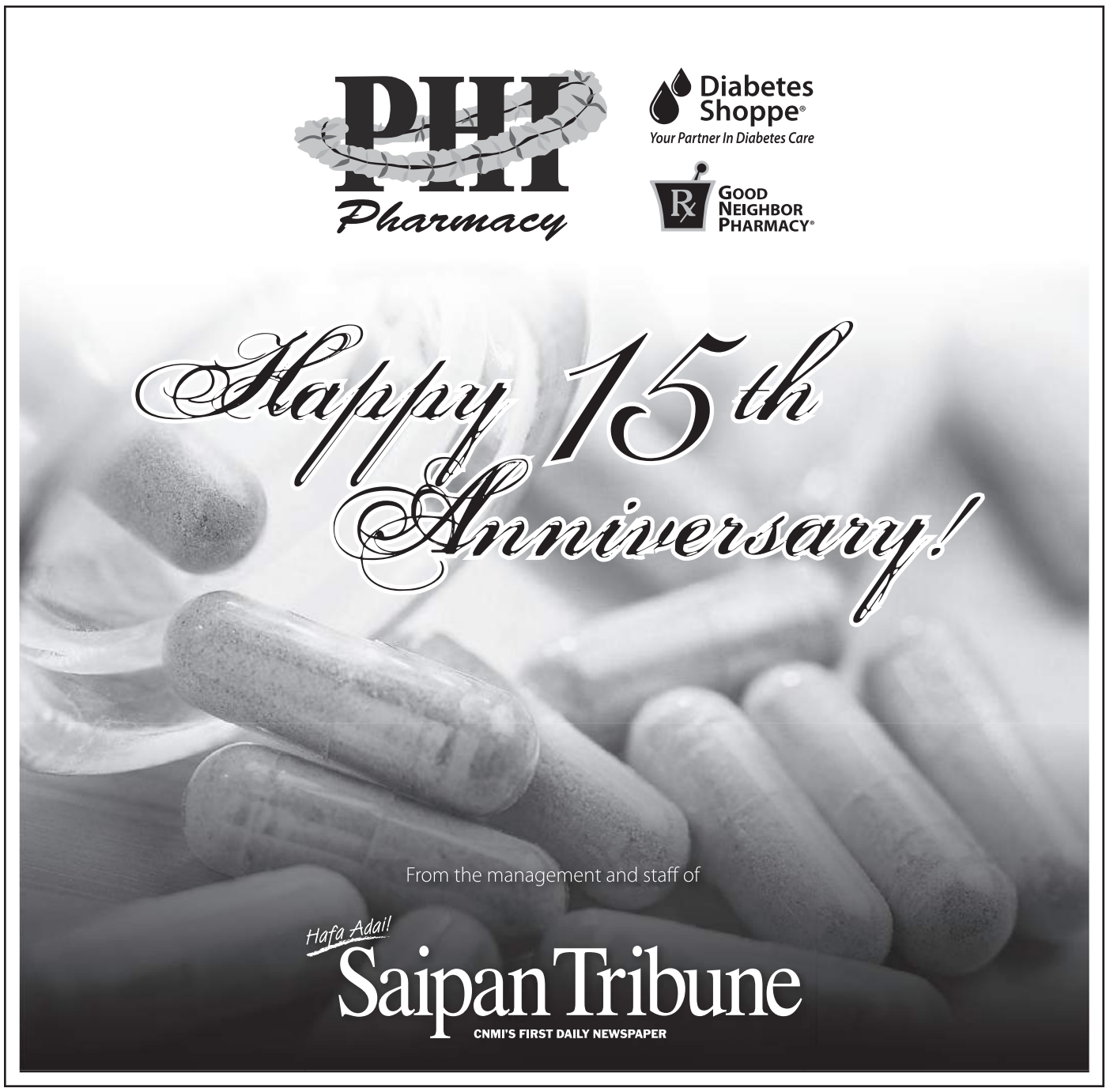
iv. Schóól lessee ebwe kke yáálí bwuley reel mwóghutu me ayoora golf course me tapal cottage resort me akkááw akkayúú.

Term-il abwungubwungul ebwe sóbweeyló akkilon yeel nge seigh me limwoow (15) ráágh.

Pomwol annual rental ghal term nge ebwe féér mereel percentage-il appraised fair market value reel properties kkaal.

v. Tiliighil ngáre kopiyal pomwol abwungubwungul ebwe sóbweeyló akkilon yeel emmwel ebwe bweibwogh mellól bwulasiyol Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Land), elo 2nd floor mereel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor mereel Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.

vi. Samwoolul Bwulasiyol Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, angiingi me ngáre ifa mereel pomwo kkaal sángi schóókka re tipáli wóól me ngáre mmwal Elúwel (August) 10, 2011 mereel Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap(Department of Public Lands offices) elo Seipél, Luuta, me ngáre Tchúlúyól.



Off The Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Mother, daughter get big lottery jackpot 3 times

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—A mother and daughter in the Carolinas have three big lottery wins in the last 20 years between them. The Charlotte Observer reports that Kimberly McCauley won $100,000 this month playing a new instant-scratch off game 10X the Money. The North Carolina Education Lottery says that in 2007, McCauley's mother, Amy McCauley, who's from Fort Mill, S.C., won more than $160,000 in the Carolina Cash 5 game. But the family's big win came in 1991, when Amy McCauley won $15.5 million in the New York Lotto. She also snagged two $1,000 prizes playing the North Carolina lottery's $130 Million Blockbuster game in 2009. Kimberly McCauley says she thought her mother had all the lottery luck, so she's overwhelmed with the $100,000 win.

Oops! Forklift smashes $1M worth of Australia wine

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)—An unsteady forklift dropped a container full of fine Australian wine worth more than $1 million, smashing most of the bottles. The winemaker says he's "gut-wrenched, shocked and numb" after the loss of his flagship shiraz. Sparky Marquis of Mollydooker Wines lost a third of his Velvet Glove Shiraz production after the accident that destroyed all but one of the 462 cases bound for the United States. Each bottle of the Mollydooker wine sells for $200. Marquis said Friday that when workers opened up the dropped container, "it was like a murder scene. There was red everywhere." He said the wine was fully insured. The accident has crippled Mollydooker's U.S. launch in September. It will also impact the wine market in Australia.

Ala. to crown new nursing home beauty queen

HOOVER, Ala. (AP)—When Alabama's newest beauty queen is crowned this week, she might have more silver hair than your average beauty pageant contestant. The Ms. Alabama Nursing Home pageant comes to a close Monday at the Wynfrey Hotel in Hoover. The top 10 finalists from nursing homes across the state will compete for the crown. Contestants will have 15-minute interviews with a panel of judges and then answer a question on stage. The event will be co-hosted by Courtney Porter, who is Miss Alabama. There were 75 contestants vying for the pageant. The finalists were named in April. The judges include the commissioner of the state's Medicaid agency and Ms. Senior Alabama Frankie Cashion.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-036

GASIFICATION OR WASTE TO ENERGY GENERATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced Independent Power Producers (IPP), to supply electrical energy or synthetic diesel - produced from commercially proven Waste to Energy (WTE) or Gasification systems, for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one respondent to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install Gasification or Waste to Energy generation facilities that best fit the CUC's requirements. Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) will be the feedstock.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, securing sites, all permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully operational Gasification or Waste to Energy Generating Facilities. Selected IPP(s) will be responsible for operating and maintaining all facets of the Generating Facility (ies) and for generating the required output as described in the Request for Proposal.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 21, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-036 " Gasification or Waste to Energy Generation"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **August 30, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Late submissions will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **July 19, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-037

EXHAUST HEAT RECOVERY PROJECT
ORGANIC RANKINE CYCLE (ORC)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced companies or IPPs, to supply electrical energy produced from commercially proven Exhaust Heat Recovery systems (Organic Rankine Cycle), for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation. The heat recovery system will be tied to the exhaust systems on diesel engines at Power Plant No.1 in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

CUC seeks responses from qualified developers from which the CUC intends to select one respondent to negotiate Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) and install Exhaust Heat Recovery systems that best fit the CUC's requirements.

The Scope of Services requested in the Request for Proposal shall include, but not be limited to, any permits and approvals from governing agencies, and providing all labor, services and equipment necessary to design, procure, install, construct, test, commission, monitor, operate, and maintain fully the Exhaust Heat Recovery Systems.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST),** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-037 " Exhaust Heat Recovery Project"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **August 18, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered. Late submissions will not be considered.

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Science & Technology

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Tapping an A-list of business talent is a good reason to download the mobile application for Harvard Business Review, but not all apps useful for business are labeled as such. Others can show us inside the entrepreneurial life and help expand a worldview.

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The audio section links to installments of Harvard's IdeaCast podcast. Recent titles include "The (Next) Financial Crisis" with Nicholas Dunbar, who wrote "The Devil's Derivatives." Needless to say, his outlook is gloomy. If you need to stop for a breather, note that the pause button is almost impossibly small.***(The Philadelphia Inquirer)***

Curing the home network outage blues

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: We have a Netgear router on our home network that includes two computers and a printer. Without any warning, the computers will lose Internet access and the printer won't print. We've learned that everything can be restored to normal if the router is unplugged for a while, then plugged in again. What's going on?—Bruce Gordon, Carmel, Calif.

ANSWER: Your network router is getting out of sync with your network modem, which disrupts your local communications. Rebooting the router by disconnecting and reconnecting its power cord resets the router so that it works again.

But it's annoying to have to reboot the router several times a day, so here are some ways to fix the underlying problem.

Call your Internet service provider (ISP) to make sure that your router's settings match their network settings. In addition, ask a related question: Since your router plugs into your Internet modem, ask the ISP if your modem's make and model are completely compatible with their network.

Netgear also offers an unorthodox suggestion: Get rid of the firewall software on your individual computers and rely on the firewall inside the router for protection against Internet threats. Why? If there are two or more firewalls on your network, they may be conflicting with each other and causing periodic shutdowns of your Internet connection, Netgear says. Even if you haven't installed any firewall software on a PC, its Windows firewall might be turned on.

For more advice from Netgear, see http://www.tinyurl.com/3pxlkmu and http://www.tinyurl.com/3esc5n4.

But Netgear's solution represents a security trade-off. Relying completely on your router's firewall runs contrary to conventional PC security advice. For example, Microsoft said, "You should have a hardware firewall (such as a router) to protect your network, but you should also use a software firewall on each computer to help prevent the spread of a virus in your network if one of the computers becomes infected." (See http://www.tinyurl.com/3sp4wtw.)

In Celebration of Her New Life

Lucy Hwa Cha Han King

Affectionately known as

"Tan Lucy"

Born to life on May 24, 1942,
Tan Lucy was called to her eternal rest on
Monday, July 25, 2011 on Tinian, at the age of 69.

In her new life, Tan Lucy now joins her husband, Juan Borja King, and father, Han Myung-Su; and ; and her mother, Park Gui-Ak, and her siblings, Han Jung-Hyun and Han Byung-Hyun.

Her memories will forever live in the hearts of her daughters, Janet H. King, Esq., and granddaughter Katie King Manglona, Lisa H. King; You Jung-Eun and her husband, Ha Jong-Weon, and her grandsons, Ha Jae-Hoon and Ha Tae-Hoon; brother, Han Moon-Hyun; and sister, Han Sook-Ja; and sisters-in-law, Dolores Borja Hocog, Martha King Bantolino.

Tan Lucy will also be missed by numerous nieces and nephews on Tinian, Saipan, and Rota.

Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at San Jose Church, Tinian, at 8:00 p.m., with refreshments at the Tinian Health Center afterwards.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, August 02, 2011. Her remains will be escorted from Tinian Health Center at 7:30 a.m. to the San Jose Church. Responso Service will be at 8:00 a.m. followed by Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment Services will follow at Tinian Cemetery.

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Life & Style

Cage to star in film about Alaska serial killer

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—The hunt for Alaska's most infamous serial murderer is about to get the Hollywood treatment.

Academy Award-winning actor Nicolas Cage will star in "Frozen Ground," a movie detailing the police investigation of serial killer Robert Hansen, Variety reported Wednesday. He will play an Alaska State Trooper who investigated the murders.

Filming is scheduled to start in Anchorage on Oct. 10, a second major production filmed in Alaska in the last year. Filming wrapped up last fall on Drew Barrymore's "Everybody Loves Whales."

Emmett Furla Films is financing the $27 million Cage project and producing with Amber Entertainment, Variety reported. Messages left for both by The Associated Press weren't immediately returned Wednesday.

Cage

Hansen, who got the nickname "the Butcher Baker," was convicted in 1984 after confessing to killing 17 women and raping another 30 in a 12-year span.

He received a 461 year sentence and is incarcerated at a state prison in Seward.

Hansen owned a bakery in a downtown mini-mall in the 1970s and `80s. He lived across town with his wife and children, and they knew nothing of his other life.

The construction of the trans-Alaska pipeline in the 1970s brought prostitutes, pimps, drug dealers and con artists to Alaska's largest city, all hoping to pry away some of the big money construction workers were pulling in.

Those who sought a quick buck left as abruptly as they arrived in Anchorage, making sudden disappearances commonplace.

Glenn Flothe was the trooper who put Hansen behind bars. Now retired, he didn't immediately return a message to the AP on Wednesday.

But he told the Anchorage Daily News in 2008 that Hansen's victims initially included any woman who caught his eye but that Hansen quickly learned that prostitutes and strippers were harder to track and less likely to be missed.

"He tried to make us think that he had some kind of moral code but the reality was that these street girls and the girls in the bars were easier victims," Flothe told the newspaper.

Hansen would abduct the women and take them to isolated places outside Anchorage. Sometimes he would drive; other times the licensed pilot would fly.

Morgan's past resurfaces months into CNN host gig

NEW YORK (AP)—CNN knew Piers Morgan had a colorful past as a London tabloid editor when the network installed him as Larry King's replacement this year, but surely didn't anticipate how that personal history would ensnare him months into his new job.

Morgan issued another statement Wednesday denying any involvement or knowledge of journalists at Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper illegally hacking into phone messages while he was editor there, despite the resurfacing of an old interview that brought what he knew into question.

CNN said it remains satisfied with Morgan's explanations of what happened while he was a London editor.

The Daily Mirror has come under suspicion following revelations that rival newspaper News of the World—recently shut down by its publisher—routinely intercepted voicemails left for public figures.

Morgan edited the now-defunct News of the World briefly in the 1990s, the newspaper at the center of the phone hacking scandal. He spent most of his editing career at the Daily Mirror, where he was boss from 1995 to 2004.

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Sun thru Thurs 1:10 4:10 7:10

Daniel Craig, Harrison Ford
Science fiction, Western • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Based on the graphic novel by Scott Mitchell Rosenberg, Cowboys & Aliens starts in 1800s Arizona, where the local cowboys, headed by gunslinger Jake Lonergan (Daniel Craig), and the indigenous Apache tribe have been feuding fiercely for quite a while. Their skirmish is interrupted, however, by the appearance of a spaceship, commanded by an alien creature that's bent on enslaving the human race.

The Smurfs

Fri and Sat 1:30 4:30 7:30 9:40
Sun thru Thurs 1:30 4:30 7:30

Hank Azaria, George Lopez
Chicldren's family, Comedy • Rated PG

Synopsis
Scooby-Doo director Raja Gosnell takes the helm for this 3D live action/CGI comedy based on the popular characters created by Belgian cartoonist Peyo (aka Pierre Culliford). In their race to escape the malevolent wizard Gargamel, the little blue forest dwellers find themselves suddenly transported to Central Park. Now stuck in a world populated by towering giants, the Smurfs must find a way to elude Gargamel, and find a way back to the village they call home.

Crazy Stupid Love

Fri and Sat 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:30
Sun thru Thurs 1:20 4:20 7:20

Steve Carrell, Julianne Moore
Comedy • Rated PG 13

Synopsis
Sad-sack divorcée Cal Weaver (Steve Carell) finds his second wind in life after meeting a handsome young ladies' man who teaches him how to become a master of the modern dating scene. A devoted family man who married his high school sweetheart, Cal had a great house and a stable job when his wife, Emily (Julianne Moore), left him to be with another man. When Emily announces that she's filing for divorce, Cal finds himself awkwardly thrust into the dating scene and begins drinking his nights away at the local pub.

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Captain America: The First Avenger

Fri and Sat 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
Sun thru Thurs 1:25 4:25 7:25

Chris Evans, Tommy Lee Jones
Action • Rated PG 13

Friends With Benefits

Fri and Sat 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:35
Sun thru Thurs 1:05 4:05 7:05

Justin Timberlake, Mila Kunis
Comedy • Rated R

Harry Potter & The Deathly Hallows-Part2

Fri and Sat 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:50
Sun thru Thurs 1:15 4:15 7:15

Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson
Action, Adventure, Drama • Rated PG 13

Transformers: Dark of the Moon

Fri and Sat 1:00 4:00 7:00 10:00
Sun thru Thurs 1:00 4:00 7:00

Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel
Action, Science fiction • Rated PG 13

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Drainage System Improvement/Upgrade
AIP No. 3-69-0002-62/65/67 (CPA-SA-003-09)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **DRAINAGE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT/ UPGRADE, FRANCISCO C. ADA SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-62/65/67, CPA-SA-003-09.**

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, AUGUST 26, 2011**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of the Drainage System Improvement/Upgrade to include the replacement of the damaged roof waterproofing with existing insulation board and diversion of the roof drain all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 240 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of $500/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without excuse.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

All mechanics and laborers on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications.

Each bidder must complete, sign, and furnish the "Bidder's Statement on Previous Contracts Subject to EEO Clause", a "Certification of Nonsegregated Facilities", and the "Assurance of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Participation", as contained in the bid proposal documents, with the submission of the Bid Proposal.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS ($150.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CONFERENCE ROOM, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, **10:00 AM, AUGUST 12, 2011**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders are encouraged to use the CD bid schedule form. The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or misenter the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375 dated October 13, 1977, and Section 60-1.4(b) of the regulations of the Secretary of Labor (41 CFR 60-1) as implemented by Section 152.61 of the Federal Aviation Regulations, and to the Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) and Federal Labor provisions.

All labor on the project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rates established by CNMI Law or Federal Law, whichever is higher. The Contractor shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract.

Each bidder must supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A contractor having 50 or more employees and any subcontractor having 50 or more employees and who may be awarded a contract of Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) or more, will be required to maintain an affirmative action program, the standards for which are contained in the specifications. To be eligible for award, each bidder must comply with the affirmative action requirements.

In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award of any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement.

Women will be afforded equal opportunity in all areas of employment. However, the employment of women shall not diminish the standards or requirements for employment of minorities.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by US Treasury listed surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **ten percent (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

The proposed contract is under and subject to the foreign trade restrictions required by 49 CFR Part 30, Denial of Public Works Contracts to Supplier of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors.

The Aviation Safety and Capacity Expansion Act of 1990 provides that preference be given to steel and manufactured products produced in the United States when funds are expended pursuant to a grant issued under the Airport Improvement Program.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOIFOI
Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Date: July 8, 2011

Jeopardy! host injured after chasing burglar in SF

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—"Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek says he snapped his Achilles tendon while running after a burglar who had stolen cash, a bracelet and other items from his San Francisco hotel room.

The 71-year-old Trebek tells KGO-TV that he also injured his other leg while falling down during the chase early Wednesday. He was on crutches later Wednesday when he hosted the National Geographic World Championship at Google headquarters in Mountain View.

San Francisco police Lt. Troy Dangerfield says 56-year-old old Lucinda Moyers was arrested on suspicion of felony burglary and receiving stolen property. The cash and bracelet haven't been found but other items were recovered. Dangerfield says officers found several items near the hotel ice machine.

Trebek is scheduled for surgery on Friday and is expected to be in a cast for six weeks.

AP

In this July 27, 2011 photo provided by the San Francisco Police Department, Lucinda Moyers is shown, Moyers, 56, Moyers was arrested on suspicion of felony burglary and receiving stolen property after Jeopardy host Alex Trebek chased her down the hall of his hotel in San Francisco early Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

Lauryn Hill: Rohan Marley not father of 6th child

In this May 7, 2011 file photo, Lauryn Hill performs at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans. AP

NEW YORK (AP)—After the birth of her sixth child, Lauryn Hill wants to clear up two things: Rohan (RO'-han) Marley didn't abandon her while she was pregnant, and he's not the baby's father.

The blogosphere has been abuzz after word came last week that the reclusive Grammy winner had a baby boy. Marley, the father of her five other children, sent a message on Twitter "forwarding all well wishes to Ms. Hill on the birth of her new son." That tweet, along with pictures showing him in an embrace with another woman, created speculation. Hill has rarely discussed their yearslong relationship. She posted a message on Twitter and her website Tuesday defending Marley. She says they've had a "long and complex history" but love their five children together.

Lucas loses UK battle over stormtrooper helmets

LONDON (AP)—The Empire has struck out.

Britain's Supreme Court on Wednesday defeated a bid by George Lucas' company to stop a prop designer making and selling replicas of the iconic stormtrooper helmets from the "Star Wars" films. The court did, however, prevent him from selling them in the United States.

Andrew Ainsworth sculpted the white helmets worn by the sinister galactic warriors in the original "Star Wars" film in 1977, and now sells replica costumes, made from the original molds, over the Internet. Lucasfilm Ltd. has been trying for years to stop him, in a battle that has climbed through the British courts.

Lucasfilm's lawyers argued that the stormtrooper suits are sculptures and therefore works of art covered by British copyright law. Two lower courts ruled in 2008 and 2009 that the costumes were props, not artworks, and so covered by a much shorter copyright period that has now expired.

The country's highest court on Wednesday upheld those decisions. The panel of five judges said "it was the 'Star Wars' film that was the work of art that Mr. Lucas and his companies created. The helmet was utilitarian in the sense that it was an element in the process of production of the film."

But the judges agreed with Lucasfilm's lawyers—and a lower court—that Ainsworth had violated Lucas's copyright in the United States by selling costumes there.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Alleged Halle Berry stalker charged with burglary

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Prosecutors have charged a man accused of stalking Halle Berry with felony burglary for being in the actress' guest house earlier this month. Richard A. Franco pleaded not guilty to the additional charge during a court appearance Wednesday in Los Angeles. He now faces two felonies stemming from three incidents in which he was spotted on the Oscar winner's property in mid-July. Berry has written in court filings that she is "extremely frightened" of the 27-year-old. She says he nearly gained entry into her kitchen before she was able to lock the door. Criminal and civil judges have issued restraining orders against Franco in case he is released. He has pleaded not guilty to stalking the actress and is due in court on Aug. 4.

Elizabeth Smart says media played role in rescue

WASHINGTON (AP)—Elizabeth Smart says she accepted a job with ABC News partly because she feels the media helped save her life. The Utah woman, who was kidnapped, raped and held captive at age 14 by a Salt Lake City street preacher, serves as a commentator for ABC News focusing on missing persons and child abduction cases. The 23-year-old Smart told the Washington, D.C., newspaper The Hill on Wednesday that the media plays a key role in missing persons cases. She says she might not have been rescued without the media spotlight. Smart was in Washington to urge lawmakers to reinstate funding for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Anthony joins Nadal, Cooper at Open kids day

NEW YORK (AP)—The NBA lockout isn't keeping Carmelo Anthony from bouncing a ball on a New York court. The New York Knick is slated to take part in the annual Arthur Ashe Kids' Day at the U.S. Open in Queens. The Aug. 27 tennis and music event will be held on the eve of the two-week tennis championships. Defending champions Rafael Nadal and Kim Clijsters are scheduled to appear there, as well as the world's No. 1 male player and Wimbledon champion, Novak Djokovic, and former Open champion Andy Roddick. Bradley Cooper, singer Cody Simpson, and Anthony's wife, La La, are also expected to participate. Anthony says he's excited to be a part of the U.S. Open and honoring the legacy of Ashe, the late tennis great.

Gotti producer says Pesci backed out of film

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The producer of a biopic on the Gotti crime family says Joe Pesci backed out of the project months ago and isn't entitled to $3 million he is seeking. Pesci sued Fiore Films in Los Angeles on Wednesday, claiming producers reneged on a deal to cast him in a starring role in the Gotti film. Fiore Films CEO Marc Fiore says Pesci's representatives told him in writing months ago that the actor wouldn't do any work on the film until they replaced they replaced a director who left the project. Fiore says he has tried unsuccessfully in recent weeks to work out a deal with Pesci's representatives for a smaller part. Pesci's attorney, Brandon Tesser, says it's untrue that the actor pulled out of the film and that any casting change hadn't been conveyed to the Oscar-winner until recently.

'Smokey Joe's Cafe' saxophonist Gil Bernal dies

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP)—Versatile saxophone player Gil Bernal has died at age 80. He performed on the 1950s pop song "Smokey Joe's Cafe" and worked with Spike Jones, Lionel Hampton and Ry Cooder. His family tells the *Los Angeles Times* that Bernal died of congestive heart failure on July 17 at a Glendale hospital. Bernal was born in the Watts area of Los Angeles. He joined a band after high school, then sang with Lionel Hampton's band, leaving in the early 1950s to form his own group and later joining bandleader Spike Jones. A tenor saxophonist, Bernal worked on several projects with Ry Cooder, including his 1997 Cuban music album, "Buena Vista Social Club."

Trusted teen feels entitled to parent-free concert trip

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 16-year-old girl. I have good grades, participate in sports and activities, and I'm involved in my church. My parents have always trusted me and given me freedom because they know I can handle it.

I want to attend a concert in a bigger town with a friend. However, my parents insist I must have an adult with me. I feel I'm responsible enough to go to the concert without one. How can I convince my parents? (A parent would be driving us to and from the concert.)

CAN HANDLE IT IN OREGON

DEAR CAN HANDLE IT: Your parents want to be sure you are safe. Although they trust you to act responsibly, they may not be so confident about other fans in the audience. When large numbers of people gather for sports events and concerts, there is always the chance that a few troublemakers may cause a commotion or even a stampede. That's why the performers usually have heavy security around them. Please don't take your parents' stance on this personally. They are trying to protect you.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are hosting our daughter's wedding and reception. We had to limit the number of guests due to space and budgetary considerations. Some of the RSVPs have come back with a larger number of people accepting than were listed on the invitation envelope as being invited.

How should we handle this? We expect others may do the same, and we cannot accommodate extra guests. It's a touchy situation because my daughter and her fiance interact with these folks at the church where she works. She feels bad enough that we had to limit the number of guests—and now this situation.

FEELING AWKWARD IN MICHIGAN

DEAR FEELING AWKWARD: If this is strictly a matter of money and what you can afford, sit down with your daughter and her fiance, explain the situation and ask if they would like to pay for the "uninvited" guests. If they say yes—fine. If they say no, call the people who indicated they plan to bring extra guests and tell them that because of space and budgetary considerations, you are unable to accommodate them. Please don't feel embarrassed to do so, because the people who should feel embarrassed are the ones who committed this breach of etiquette.

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DEAR ABBY: If I tell my wife I'm going to clean the bathroom today, but I don't manage to get it done because I was busy with other things, is that considered breaking a promise even though I didn't use the word "promise"? My wife says that if you say you're going to do something, then that is a promise. Is she right?

A MATTER OF SEMANTICS

DEAR SEMANTICS: Not exactly. If you tell your wife you are going to clean the bathroom today and don't get around to it, that is frustrating, aggravating and irresponsible. But if she responds to your statement, "Is that a promise?" and you say yes—THAT'S a promise.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a grown-up Southern girl who has had "honesty is the best policy" pounded into my head ever since I can remember. My family had a falling out when I spoke my mind about some family members because I was tired of them saying things behind other people's backs. I felt the truth should be expressed, but now I am to blame for the family issues when I was just being honest.

Where is the line in the sand where the honesty policy becomes brutal and unfeasible?

TELLING IT LIKE IT IS

DEAR TELLING IT: The line is crossed when the truth is used like a sledgehammer and the words are spoken in anger or retaliation.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

I'VE DECIDED WE SHOULD BE "COOLER" THAN WE ARE.
WE'RE NOT COOL?
SURE WE'RE COOL. BUT WE'RE NOT AS COOL AS WE COULD BE.
COOL PEOPLE WEAR DARK GLASSES!
IT'S COOL TO BUMP INTO THINGS?
YOU DON'T MOVE, YOU JUST HANG AROUND.

Garfield®

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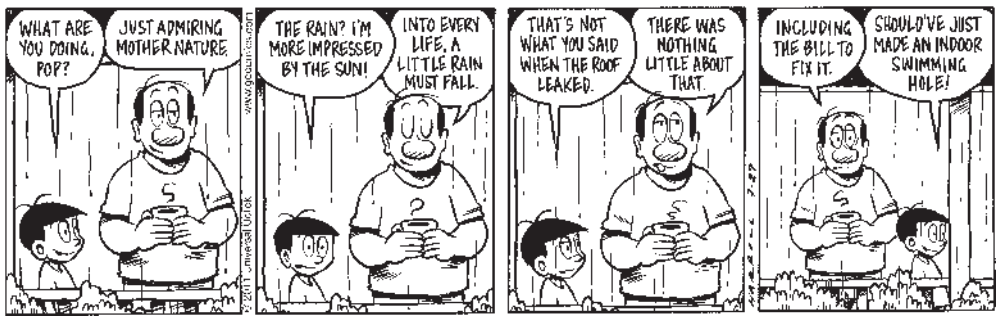
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, POP?
JUST ADMIRING MOTHER NATURE
THE RAIN? I'M MORE IMPRESSED BY THE SUN!
INTO EVERY LIFE, A LITTLE RAIN MUST FALL.
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAID WHEN THE ROOF LEAKED.
THERE WAS NOTHING LITTLE ABOUT THAT.
INCLUDING THE BILL TO FIX IT.
SHOULD'VE JUST MADE AN INDOOR SWIMMING HOLE!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Pod occupant
4 Pedestal part
8 Rug type
12 Hosp. hookups
13 Satan's specialty
14 Inlet
15 Old-style music provider
17 Destruction
18 Incessantly
19 Chutzpah
20 Piece of hardware
22 Jane Lynch's show
24 Pork cut
25 Sweater with a rounded collar
29 Qty.
30 Accordion feature
31 Noon, in a way
32 Worker's compensation
34 Bridge
35 Wheels of fortune?
36 Got up
37 Oust
40 Friend of Dorothy
41 Met melody
42 Insignificant bit
46 Tirade
47 Emanation
48 Zero
49 Caustic solutions
50 Skating jump
51 Highlander's hat

DOWN
1 Stone
2 Actress Longoria
3 Harshness
4 Moisten
5 State with conviction
6 Bracketed word
7 Wapiti
8 Mosquito thwarter
9 Session with a shrink
10 Tel —
11 Heredity component
16 Still
19 Mr. Gingrich
20 Hit Stooge-style
21 Prolonged sleep
22 — -Roman wrestling
23 Plumbing problem
25 Skelton's Kadiddlehopper
26 Champion of a cause
27 "Arrivederci"
28 Benevolent
30 Dr. McGraw
33 Baseball shoes
34 Put an end to
36 Twine fiber
37 Count counterpart
38 Picture of health?
39 Christmas tree, often
40 Muse's instrument
42 Air safety org.
43 Illumination measure
44 Spy novel grp.
45 Airline to Amsterdam

Solution time: 25 mins.

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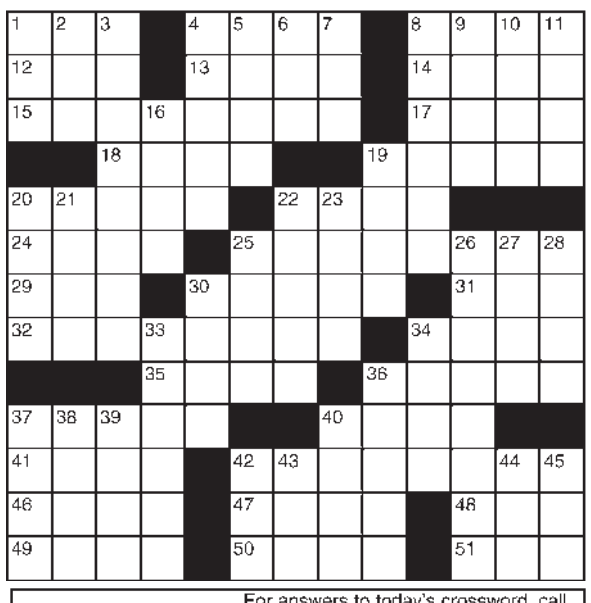
Yesterday's answer 7-29



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Josh Radnor, 37; Wil Wheaton, 39; Martina McBride, 45; Geddy Lee, 58.

Happy Birthday: Don't limit yourself because someone is pressuring you to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. Set your priorities and stick to your goals and plans. Uncertainty is the enemy, and knowing what you want and executing your plans with precision is your path to success. A change in the way you do things or your lifestyle will bring greater pleasure. Your numbers are 4, 9, 16, 20, 27, 39, 48.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Fill up your social calendar. Get involved in activities that allow you to show off everything you have to offer. Welcome competition and prepare to give your very best. You will get something in return. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Don't underestimate the extent or cost of a job. Communication will be the key to your success and will open a window of opportunity that will broaden your vision regarding how you can diversify. Travel for pleasure or involvement with groups will promote friendships. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Confusion can be expected regarding a job. Problems at home or with domestic property will be difficult to fix. Don't believe everything you hear. Find out firsthand what is wrong and do what you feel is needed to improve the situation. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Reuniting with people you have worked with in the past will bring about new opportunities. Discuss your views and what you have to offer. Don't wait for things to come to you; get out and make things happen. A short trip will help you seal a deal. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Take part in something you believe in, and your energy and ideas will result in a leadership position. A chance to make a professional move that benefits you financially and improves your status is evident if you answer ads, talk to your boss or start your own business. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Be careful how you approach people who can influence your future. Pushing someone into something will not bring good results. Open up possibilities through conversations that allow everyone to contribute. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Your overly sensitive nature will cause confusion. Before you react, make sure you fully understand what others are saying or asking you to do. Put more effort into a moneymaking endeavor. Consider making a residential move or renovating or redecorating. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You may feel jealous or taken for granted, but how you handle matters will determine the outcome. If you are fun to be with, everyone will want to be with you. A short trip will help you rekindle a relationship. ✪✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You'll be ready to spend money on luxury items, but before you make an impulsive purchase, consider how you can improve your surroundings to better suit your current needs. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take care of any responsibilities quickly so you can get on to bigger and better pastimes. Make sure you put a cap on how much you are willing to spend to please someone you love. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Partnerships will take priority. Don't overreact to what is said or done. Present a practical plan. Your future will ride on the way you handle others, as well as your ability to put innovative ideas into play, keep things simple and stay within a budget. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Socializing and networking will be enriching if you listen to those who have a different approach to life. Greater opportunities for romance will develop through the conversations you have. Put a little effort into updating your image; the compliments you receive will boost your confidence. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are goal-oriented, persistent, determined, headstrong and very precise.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

3			5		8			4
		6		1		5		
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		7		6		1		
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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 7/29

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

5	9	8	2	6	3	1	7	4
1	2	3	7	5	4	6	9	8
6	4	7	9	1	8	3	5	2
7	6	2	3	4	9	8	1	5
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9	1	5	6	8	7	2	4	3
3	5	1	4	9	2	7	8	6
4	7	9	8	3	6	5	2	1
2	8	6	1	7	5	4	3	9

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/29

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

CAPITAL GAINS TAX — Solution: 11 letters

E	R	A	H	S	T	I	S	O	P	E	D	N	A	L
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F	M	L	I	M	E	M	E	T	H	O	D	T	C	A
I	I	F	D	L	T	D	E	V	C	T	A	O	I	R
T	X	E	L	L	N	L	L	C	E	R	I	N	R	U
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Yesterday's Answer: Adaptation

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF	]	**Civil Action No. 10-0217**
JOSEPH PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ Deceased.	]	

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL DECREE OF DISTRIBUTION

Date: August 16, 2011
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Honorable Robert C. Naraja

TO: THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ANY HEIRS, CLAIMANTS, OR CREDITORS OF THE LATE JOSEPH PANGELINAN VILLAGOMEZ:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Luise Villagomez Sanchez, Administratrix of the Estate of Joseph Pangelinan Villagomez, has filed with the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands a **Petition for Final Decree of Distribution. The attorney for Petitioner is Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950.**

The hearing on Petitioner's Petition for Final Decree of Distribution has been set for **16th day of August, 2011 at 1:30 pm**, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guma' Hustisia, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 15th day of July 2011.

Clerk of Court

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff,	]	**CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0119-CV**
vs.	]	
MOSES M. SAN NICOLAS, Defendant.	]	**AMENDED SUMMONS**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT MOSES M. SAN NICOLAS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

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Santana throws no-hitter in Angels win

CLEVELAND (AP)—Ervin Santana pitched the first solo no-hitter for the Angels in nearly 27 years, striking out 10 and leading Los Angeles over Cleveland 3-1 on Wednesday.

Santana allowed two runners—an error on the leadoff batter that resulted in a first-inning run and a walk in the eighth.

Santana (6-8) threw the Angels' first complete-game no-hitter since Mike Witt's perfect game on Sept. 30, 1984, against Texas. Mark Langston (7 innings) and Witt (2 innings) combined to hold Seattle hitless on April 11, 1990.

This was the third no-hitter in the major leagues this season. Minnesota's Francisco Liriano did it against the White Sox on May 3 and Detroit's Justin Verlander beat Toronto on May 7.

This was the first no-hitter at Progressive Field, a ballpark that opened as Jacobs Field in 1994. The last pitcher to hold the Indians hitless was Jim Abbott of the Yankees on Sept. 4, 1993.

The win was Santana's third in 11 starts since May 30.

AP

Los Angeles Angels' Ervin Santana pitches against the Cleveland Indians in the first inning of a baseball game, Wednesday, July 27, 2011, in Cleveland. Santana tossed a no-hitter to beat the Indians, 3-1.

Mariners 9, Yankees 2

At New York, Seattle snapped its 17-game losing streak as Ichiro Suzuki and rookie Dustin Ackley led a 17-hit attack.

Felix Hernandez (9-9) pitched seven innings for his third straight win in the Bronx. Suzuki had four hits and scored two runs. Ackley tripled among his three hits and drove in three runs.

White Sox 2, Tigers 1

At Chicago, Alejandro De Aza hit a two-run homer in his first at-bat of the season for Chicago.

De Aza, who was called up earlier in the day to fill a roster spot opened by a trade, connected against Max Scherzer (11-6) in the second for his first major league homer.

Austin Jackson hit a leadoff homer in the seventh but that was it for Detroit against John Danks (4-8) and two relievers.

Blue Jays 3, Orioles 0

At Toronto, Ricky Romero came within two outs of a complete game to win for the first time in five starts and J.P. Arencibia homered for Toronto.

Romero (8-9) struck out Adam Jones to begin the ninth, but was replaced by Jon Rauch after Vladimir Guerrero reached on a wild third strike and Derrek Lee was hit by a pitch. The left-hander allowed four hits, walked three and struck out nine.

Red Sox 12, Royals 5

At Boston, Boston's David Ortiz hit a grand slam to cap a five-run fourth inning and Dustin Pedroia extended his career-best hitting streak to 24 games with a solo homer.

Jacoby Ellsbury and Pedroia, Boston's first two batters, homered. It was the first time since July 21, 1995, that the first two Red Sox homered. The Red Sox won for the 19th time in 23 games.

Twins 7, Rangers 2

At Arlington, Joe Mauer and Michael Cuddyer homered to back a solid start by Minnesota's Brian Duensing.

Duensing (8-8) limited Texas to one run over 6 2-3 innings. Texas scored 28 runs in the first two games of the series. Colby Lewis (10-8) had won five consecutive decisions over seven starts. The right-hander has allowed an AL-high 26 homers after the solo shots by Mauer and Cuddyer.

Athletics 13, Rays 4

At Oakland, Hideki Matsui and Ryan Sweeney both homered in Oakland's nine-run fourth inning.

Matsui was 3 for 5 with five RBIs, Jemile Weekshad three hits, three RBIs and three runs scored, and Scott Sizemore added two hits and two RBIs to lead the A's to their third straight win over the Rays.

Trevor Cahill went 7 1-3 innings with six strikeouts for his first win in more than a month.

Giants 2, Phillies

At Philadelphia, Matt Cain pitched into the eighth inning to outduel Cole Hamels(notes) and lead the San Francisco Giants to a 2-1 win over the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday night.

San Francisco could have Tim Lincecum back on the mound for the series finale Thursday. The floppy-haired ace was scratched from his start Tuesday because of an illness, but manager Bruce Bochy was hopeful he would start the finale.

Mets 8, Reds 2

At Cincinnati, Lucas Duda took over for Carlos Beltran and homered to help the New York Mets beat Cincinnati.

Beltran showed up in the clubhouse before the game to say goodbye to his Mets teammates. Duda replaced Beltran in right field and the rookie homered off Bronson Arroyo (7-9), who couldn't extend his long run of success against New York.

Braves 2, Pirates 1, 10 innings

At Atlanta, David Ross hit a bases-loaded single in the 10th inning and Atlanta beat Pittsburgh for its second straight victory in extra innings.

The teams played 19 innings Tuesday night before Julio Lugo scored the winning run on a disputed call at the plate that umpire Jerry Meals later acknowledged was incorrect.

Ross became Atlanta's starting catcher Wednesday when the Braves placed Brian McCann on the 15-day disabled list with a left oblique injury.

Astros 4, Cardinals 2

At St. Louis, Astros rookie Jose Altuve drove in the go-ahead run in the ninth inning with his third hit and Houston snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over St. Louis.

Jason Bourgeois also had three hits and unintentionally helped the Astros score an insurance run on Altuve's hit when center fielder Jon Jay's(notes) off-line throw to the plate glanced off his leg. Bourgeois jumped at the last instant before the ball struck his leg and changed course en route to the backstop.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa made an unsuccessful protest.

Brewers 2, Cubs 0

At Milwaukee, Prince Fielder hit his 23rd home run and Rickie Weeks(notes) needed to be helped off the field when he injured his left ankle running out a throw to first in Milwaukee's victory over Chicago.

Zack Greinke (8-4) pitched effectively into the seventh inning as the Brewers kept pace in the crowded NL Central, but losing Weeks would be a huge blow to their playoff chances.

Marlins 7, Nationals 5

At Washington, Javier Vazquez pitched seven strong innings, Emilio Bonifacio extended his hitting streak to 25 games and Mike Cameron hit two home runs as Florida beat Washington for its fourth straight win.

Vazquez (7-9) allowed one run and six hits. John Buck hit a two-run single off Livan Hernandez (5-10).

Mike Stanton's homer put the Marlins ahead in the second. Florida is 13-5 since July 5.

Diamondbacks 4, Padres 3

At San Diego, Justin Upton homered twice and Xavier Nady added a two-run shot to lead Arizona.

Ian Kennedy (12-3) won his fourth straight start, limiting San Diego to two runs and four hits with nine strikeouts over six innings.

Upton reached 20 homers this season and extended his hitting streak to eight games with two solo drives off Cory Luebke (3-5).

Rockies 3, Dodgers 1

At Los Angeles, Aaron Cook outpitched Hiroki Kuroda with seven scoreless innings, Troy Tulowitzki had two RBI singles among his three hits and Colorado avoided a three-game sweep.

Cook (2-5) scattered six hits, struck out two and walked two in his longest outing of an injury-delayed season. The right-hander, who missed the first three months with a broken finger on his pitching hand, has won consecutive starts after going 0-5 with a 5.82 ERA in his first seven outings.

Beltran accepts trade, headed to Giants

CINCINNATI (AP)—Carlos Beltran accepted a trade to the San Francisco Giants, leaving the New York Mets to join his new team after saying goodbye Wednesday.

The commissioner's office had granted the Mets a 24-hour window to talk to the All-Star outfielder about waiving his no-trade clause. Shortly before an 8-2 win over the Reds on Wednesday night, Beltran arrived in the clubhouse and told his teammates he was on his way to join the World Series champions in Philadelphia.

The deal was expected to be announced Thursday morning.

"He came over and shook everybody's hands and said thank you," Mets outfielder Angel Pagan said. "We were very happy for him. He's going to be with a team that's a contender."

The Giants will finish a series in Philadelphia on Thursday night, then fly to Cincinnati for a three-game series this weekend, leaving Beltran with a back-and-forth trip.

His new team was eager to greet him.

"Having a guy like Beltran obviously adds a lot of positive energy," Giants closer Brian Wilson said. "With that kind of hitter, you're going to start seeing guys in front of him, guys hitting behind him, getting more pitches."

Beltran, who can become a free agent in the fall, was well aware all season that he would likely wind up on the trading block this summer. But if he was going to leave the Mets, he wanted to play for a post-season contender.

He got his wish—the Giants lead the NL West.

"While we have been engaged in discussions, we're not in position to comment at this time," the Mets said in a statement.

New York's big prize in the trade is pitching prospect Zachary Wheeler, according to a source familiar with the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal hadn't been announced.

Wheeler is 7-5 with a 3.99 ERA in 16 starts for San Francisco's high Class-A affiliate in San Jose. The Giants selected him with the No. 6 pick in the 2009 draft.

Mets manager Terry Collins was told not to play Beltran at Cincinnati on Wednesday night. The switch-hitting right fielder wasn't at Great American Ball Park before batting practice.

Collins said Beltran later showed up and said goodbye.

It will be the second major trade for the Mets, who dealt closer Francisco Rodriguez to Milwaukee after the All-Star game.

"Everyone here has anticipated it, whether we like it or not," Collins said. "We knew it was going to happen. We've talked about it for the last 10 days."

great instincts for the game. Plays the game hard, plays the game right. I still remember when Houston got him and the job he did there.

"He's a tremendous all-around player. He's one of the elite players of the game."

The 34-year-old Beltran is in the final year of a $119 million deal he signed with the Mets before the 2005 season. He was plagued by knee injuries the past two seasons, but has been healthy this year.

The Mets won four of their first 15 games and haven't been higher than third in the NL East after that poor start, prompting them to look into trades.

Star shortstop Jose Reyes, who also can become a free agent after this season, said Beltran took teammates to a local steakhouse owned by one of his friends following an 8-6 win over the Reds on Tuesday night.

"We were joking with him: `You're doing this because you're going to get traded,'" Reyes said. "He said, `No. no.'"

Reyes said losing Beltran will be a huge blow to the Mets, who are 53-51 after beating the Reds for the third straight game.

"You lose a guy like that in July, it's big, it's huge," Reyes said. "We've got to continue to play with what we've got. It's not easy to replace that kind of player. It's going to be tough."

Beltran drove in at least 112 runs for three straight seasons from 2006-08, but few Mets fans will forget his at-bat during the ninth inning of Game 7 of the 2006 NL championship series against St. Louis. Beltran came up with the bases loaded and the Mets trailing 3-1, and struck out looking to end the game.

McNabb heading to Vikings, Holmes stays home

WASHINGTON (AP)—Donovan McNabb's time in Washington is over after only a year.

The Minnesota Vikings acquired the veteran quarterback from the Redskins on Wednesday night in exchange for a sixth-round draft pick.

The deal gives the Vikings a six-time Pro Bowler who will play until first-round draft choice Christian Ponder is ready to take over. The deal also includes a conditional sixth-round pick in 2013.

Ponder tweeted that he welcomes McNabb to the team and looks forward to learning from him. But he also says he still plans on fighting for the starting job in Week 1.

McNabb will have to restructure the five-year, $78 million deal he signed with the Redskins because the Vikings don't have enough room to fit him in their salary cap.

McNabb's departure closes the book on coach Mike Shanahan's first major Redskins gaffe. He gave up second- and fourth-round draft picks for McNabb last year but ended up benching him for the final three games of a 6-10 season.

"He was going to come in and really help us win more games, but it didn't work out," said linebacker Lorenzo Alexander. "Relationships broke down, and now he's not here, but you can't really focus on that. You've got to continue to move forward."

Two days after the lockout ended, NFL teams are making deals at a frantic pace, with some big names changing addresses, and others staying put.

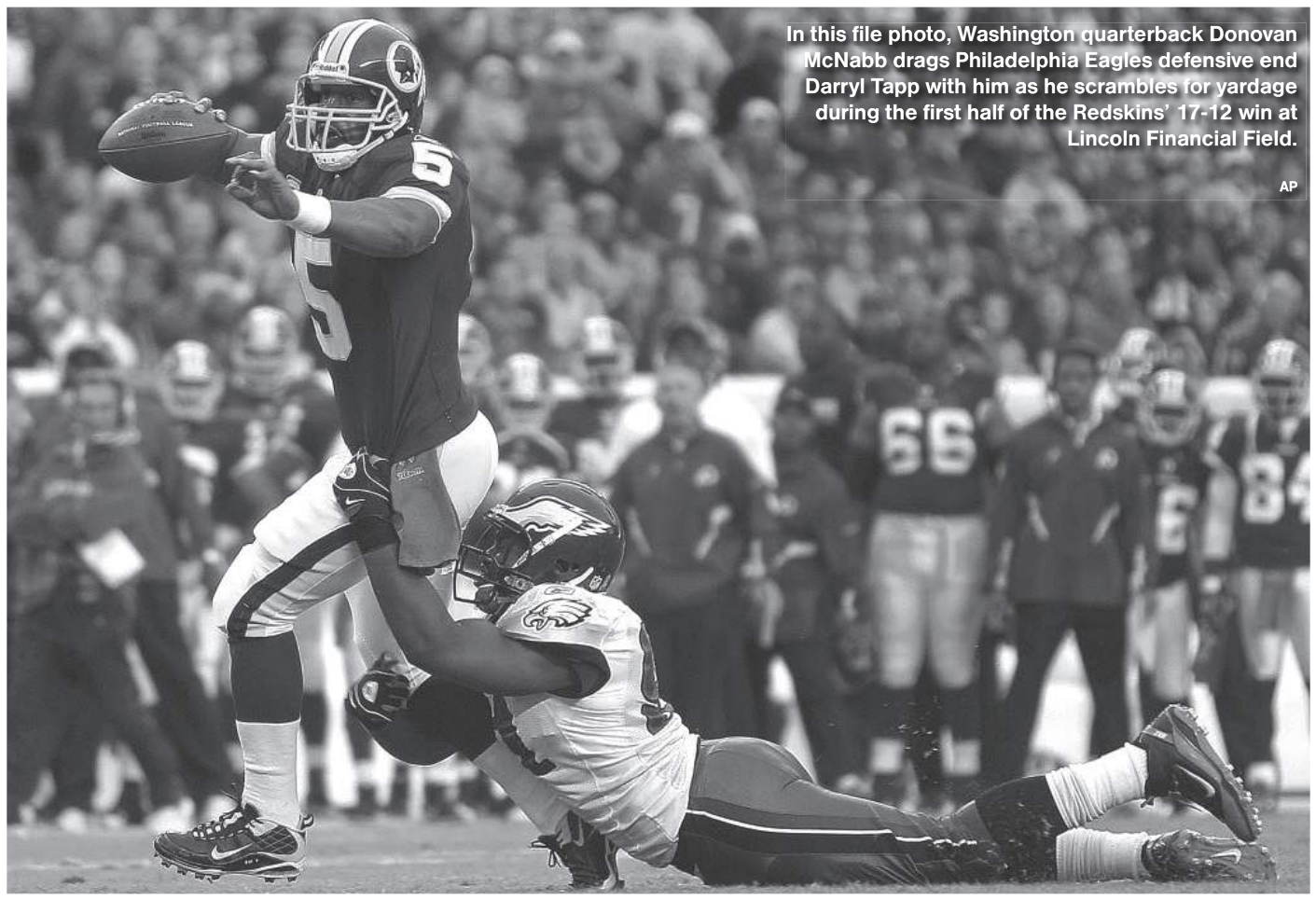
Not going anywhere is New York Giants coach Tom Coughlin, who signed a one-year extension Wednesday that keeps him with the team through 2012.

"As we said after the season, we strongly believe in Tom," co-owner and team president John Mara said of the coach who led the Giants to the 2007 NFL championship. "We believe in the job he has done, and we believe in his ability to lead our team in the future. Everybody was on the same page in arriving at the extension."

Also remaining in the New York area will be Santonio Holmes, who will continue to be a big benefit to Jets QB Mark Sanchez.

The Jets made the 2009 Super Bowl MVP their top priority among their five key players who are not under contract, and will keep him for the next five years.

Holmes has had some off-field issues, which led to the Steelers trading him to New York. He performed very well for the Jets on the field, with 52 catches for 746 yards and six touchdowns after missing the first four games while suspended.



In this file photo, Washington quarterback Donovan McNabb drags Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Darryl Tapp with him as he scrambles for yardage during the first half of the Redskins' 17-12 win at Lincoln Financial Field.

AP

Free agents aren't allowed to sign contracts until Friday.

In other moves Wednesday:

■ Quarterback Matt Hasselbeck is leaving Seattle for Tennessee. He spent the past 10 seasons with the Seahawks, leading them to the 2005 NFC title. The Titans drafted quarterback Jake Locker eighth overall in April, but needed a veteran presence after Kerry Collins retired; they plan to trade or release Vince Young.

portunities for Locker to get up to speed, Hasselbeck figures to be the starter in Nashville.

■ DeAngelo Williams, the Panthers' career rushing leader, agreed to remain in Carolina. Williams' 2010 season was cut short by a right foot injury. He rushed for 361 yards and one touchdown. He had his best pro season in 2008, rushing for a team-record 1,515 yards, 18 touchdowns and a 5.5-yard average.

In perhaps the wildest day of transactions in franchise history, linebackers James Anderson and Thomas Davis agreed to five-year contracts. Also agreeing to terms were seven free agents, including kicker Olindo Mare, defensive tackle Ron Edwards, tight end Ben Hartsock, fullback Rick Brockel, defensive backs Cletis Gordan, Devon Hall and Kevin Payne.

Bringing in Mare will end the career of the only original Panther, John Kasay.

■ Placekicker Adam Vinatieri agreed to a three-year contract with Indianapolis. The 38-year-old Vinatieri is one of seven players in league history to score 500 or more points for two teams (Patriots, Colts). He is headed into his 15th NFL season.

Safety Melvin Bullitt also agreed to remain with the Colts. He was a backup to the oft-injured Bob Sanders since joining the Colts as an undrafted free agent in 2007, but is expected to become a full-time starter this season after Sanders' release earlier this year.

■ Cleveland will release quarterback Jake Delhomme on Thursday. He was 2-2 as a starter in 2010, but Colt McCoy has that job this year. Delhomme was scheduled to make $5.4 million in base salary.

■ Cincinnati reached an agreement with Bruce Gradkowski, who knows the team's new offensive system and will help develop rookie Andy Dalton. The 28-year-old quarterback was in Tampa from 2008-09 with Jay Gruden, the Bengals' new offensive coordinator.

Incumbent Carson Palmer has told the team he would retire rather than play another season in Cincinnati, which has two winning records in the past 20 years.

■ Minnesota and kicker Ryan Longwell agreed to terms on a four-year deal. The 36-year-old Longwell went 17 for 18 on field goals and 30 for 31 on extra points last season.

■ Guard Robert Gallery agreed to a three-year contract with Seattle, where he rejoins Tom Cable, his former coach with the Raiders and now a Seahawks assistant.

Gallery was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2004 draft by the Raiders, but struggled when the Raiders tried him at tackle. He was moved to left guard before the 2007 season—coinciding with Cable's arrival in Oakland—and flourished.

But he's played just 18 games the past two seasons because of injuries.

■ Safety Eric Weddle agreed on a five-year, $40 million deal with San Diego with $19 million guaranteed. He is due $14 million this year, including a $13 million signing bonus.

"It's exciting to think of Eric as being a Charger for his entire career," coach Norv Turner said.

■ Receiver Brandon Stokley, 35, agreed to a one-year contract with Washington, which also traded with Denver for wideout Jabar Gaffney and agreed to terms with receiver Donte' Stallworth.

■ Atlanta agreed on a five-year deal with outside linebacker Stephen Nicholas.

■ The Texans agreed to terms with backup quarterback Matt Leinart.

"I am excited to be a Texan," Leinart wrote on Twitter. "Ultimately, I had to do what was best for me at this point. People can question the decision, but it was the right one for me."

■ Lance Moore, a favorite target of Drew Brees, agreed to terms on a five-year contract with New Orleans. Last season, Moore played in all 16 regular season games and had 66 receptions for 763 yards and eight touchdowns.

■ The Jaguars hooked up with linebacker Paul Posluszny for a six-year contract worth $45 million, including $15 million guaranteed.

"Jacksonville was very aggressive from the start," Posluszny told The Associated Press. "They showed a lot of interest. They have a lot of confidence in me, and I don't want to let them down."

■ Sidney Rice is headed west to join former Minnesota teammate Tarvaris Jackson with the Seahawks. Rice is coming off an injury-filled 2010 season where he missed the first 10 games, played in just six games and caught only 17 passes. A season earlier, Rice was among the top receivers in the NFL after catching 83 passes for 1,312 yards and eight touchdowns.

■ Kicker Nick Folk is rejoining the Jets after agreeing to terms with the team on a one-year deal. Folk was 30 of 39 on field-goal attempts last season, his first with the Jets after three years kicking for the Dallas Cowboys. He was also 2 for 3 on field goals in the postseason.

■ Defensive tackle Barry Cofield agreed to a six-year, $36 million deal with the Redskins, $12.5 million guaranteed. Cofield essentially replaces Albert Haynesworth, whom the Redskins are expected to cut or trade.

■ San Francisco reached agreement on a five-year contract with defensive lineman Ray McDonald.

Paul, Anthony would consider China

HONG KONG (AP)—Chris Paul and Carmelo Anthony say they will consider offers to play professional basketball in China if there is no resolution to the NBA lockout.

Both players are on a promotional tour of China while monitoring news from home about the NBA's labor impasse.

With Kobe Bryant reportedly negotiating a deal to play in Turkey, New Orleans Hornets' Paul and New York Knicks forward Anthony said they were also considering overseas moves.

Asked by SNTV where they would go, Anthony replied "China." Paul said "Same, no question."

The answers may have been designed to compliment their hosts, but Anthony added "it's a lot of history here, the fans are great; why not, why not try it out?"

Meanwhile, Portland Trail Blazers point guard Patty Mills says he is looking into a move back to his native Australia to play in the National Basketball League as long as the NBA lockout continues.

"The most important thing for me is to find somewhere to play," Mills told Australian Associated Press. "Definitely NBL teams have reached out. I am looking at that, but also teams in Europe and other options. But right now there is no rush in making a decision; it will come over the next couple of months."

NBL chief executive Larry Sengstock was eager to bring Mills home, saying the league was "determined to look at any and every option to facilitate his signing with an NBL team."

Anthony and Paul, both members of the U.S. squad which won the 2008 Olympic gold medal in Beijing, continued their Hong Kong visit Wednesday before moving on to mainland China.

Meanwhile, NBA owners and players will resume talks toward a new collective bargaining agreement Monday, a month after the lockout started, people with knowledge of the plans said Wednesday.

Though representatives from the sides have been talking and met on multiple occasions since July 1, this will be the first meeting to include Commissioner David Stern, union executive director Billy Hunter and president Derek Fisher of the Lakers, and owners, the people told The Associated Press. They spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks are supposed to be confidential.

The sides were still far apart on numerous economic issues when owners voted to lock out the players when the old collective bargaining agreement expired at the end of the day June 30.

The first full meeting after the lockout in the summer of 1998 also came in early August, and the NBA went on to lose games to a work stoppage for the only time.

That possibility looms again, with owners seeking significant changes to the division of revenues, salary cap and other financial areas. The league says it lost about $300 million last season and has no chance to make a profit under the old system, which guaranteed the players 57 percent of basketball-related income.

Players offered to reduce that to 54.3 percent, but say the owners' last proposal for a new CBA would cut their guarantee to around 40 percent.

Marquez vows to settle old score against Pacquiao

BOXING

MANILA— With doubts or drawbacks finally resolved, the title clash between Manny Pacquiao and Juan Marquez sails on hitchlessly on November 12 at the MGM Grand Arena, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Marquez says this time the issues that clouded their first two fights will be settled for good in his favor.

It took eight years for the third match to materialize.

The inevitable showdown between the gifted warriors had to happen owing to the inability of the promoters to put up the preferred Manny Pacquiao-Floyd Mayweather Jr. deal.

The wait could have been longer if Bob Arum tarried in promoting the next best pair-up available.

Now, Arum is enjoying a leisurely cruise of the high seas south of France aware that that his year-ending trilogy will go unscathed despite ongoing wranglings among warring henchmen. A bunch of hooey?

Going back to the time fans were treated to a draw and a subsequent Pacquiao win, the rubber bout is one vintage fisticuffs both fighters will lay all for a possible 2012 run-in with Floyd Junior.

There is no other fistic lure better suited for the purpose

than for either Manny or JuanMa to trade punches with Mayweather assuming Victor Ortiz doesn't pull a damper and upset the Money Man in their September 17 caper

Pacquiao defends his WBO welterweight title while Marquez tries to find the right blows to reverse his misfortunes against a rival he's never beaten.

Can the game Mexican beat the Pinoy Phenom who's considered one of the outstanding welterweights around? A ring veteran of 56 wars. A warrior who has reached a high degree of excellence since moving up in the heavier weight categories. One who fights clean and not needing at all a 'good behaviour bond' each time he laces up for a brawl.

Getting an early start via a first round knockout in his Cancun tuneup, Marquez is working on battle plans aimed at neutralizing Pacman's troublesome style.

But even with a first round destruction of his Columbian punchbag, Marquez offers little reason for hope in beating Pacquiao. The posted odds attests to a majority of the betting public going for the boxing congressman. Senior Marquez, woefully short of what's expected of an aging challenger stays as the decided underdog.

As he found out early on, it's never easy battling a heavy-hitter from the get-go up till the final bell.

So, the hard-bitten Mexican will be placed by the Idol once again in a cramped situation of having to engage fast before the expected time or to dance away with innovative moves from first round troubles. ***(PDI)***

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Italy where the super suits were used and 43 world records fell.

In China, the then polyurethane-clad swimmers are back in traditional shorts after the super suit was banned early last year and several had admitted they swam slower in Shanghai than they did two years ago in Rome. Super suits are designed to cut drag and support certain muscles, making it easier to swim faster.

Without the super suits, critics say swimmers had to rely on their talents to post faster times in Shanghai.

Wong did.

The 20-year-old swimmer even topped Heat 2 of the qualifying races and finished ahead of five other participants. The CNMI swimmer beat Paraguay's Genaro Britez by .43 of a second and was more than seven seconds ahead of the last finisher.

The University of Hawaii-Manoa swimmer completed the first 50m of the 200m breaststroke race in 32.25 seconds and was behind the then leading Britez by about one second. The Paraguay bet was still ahead after the 100m mark, clocking in at 1:07.57 against Wong's 1:08.85.

Then Wong began picking up speed in the next 50m, timing in at 36.87 seconds against Britez's 37.23, however the latter still led by about a minute after the 150m mark, 1:44.80-145.82. Wong made one final push in the last 50m and submitted 37.53 seconds to lead by more than one second against Britez (38.98 seconds) and eventually steal the race.

Wong's record-swim in the 200m breaststroke came a day after he shattered the CNMI mark in the 200m individual medley. The Marianas High School graduate clocked in at 2:10.18 seconds, breaking the Commonwealth national mark (2:14.48) he also owned and logged on May 30, 2009.

The 200m breaststroke race was Wong's last event in the competition.

Meanwhile, Wong's fellow CNMI swimmer, Grace Kimball, debuted at the World Championships and raced in the 100m freestyle qualifying heat. She was on Heat 2 and tallied 1:09.70, failing to surpass her PBT of 1:08.09.

Kimball will complete the CNMI's campaign at the World Championships tomorrow when she races in the 50m freestyle.

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Rockers' come-from-behind victory, scoring eight of the team's last 10 points. She also did a great job on defense, denying Lazy Buttss' top-scorer Ira Palero from scoring both in and off the paint.

Abrams finished with 32 big points, with her fastbreak layup capping Party Rockers' short 10-4 run and tying the match at 59-all. Then after another botched Lazy Buttss offensive set, Abrams slipped past the defense of Palero and drove to the basket to give Party Rockers' a 61-59 lead, with 1:13 left in the match.

Daylinne Joseph's first free throw moved the Lazy Buttss within one, 60-61, and the team had two chances to regain the lead, but muffed them when Palero and Javier both missed on their putbacks.

The ensuing plays were wild and wacky as players from both teams fell on the floor and traded errors. The erratic action lasted for more than 20 seconds until Melody Johnson saved the ball from going out of the right baseline and fed Abrams for a layup.

Abram's basket upped Party Rockers' lead to three, 63-60, with 17.6 seconds left on the clock. The Lazy Buttsss then went for a quick inbound and Elilai Pialug pulled up for a desperation trey and missed badly.

After Pialug's airball, Party Rockers were supposed to get possession. However, officials handed the ball to the Lazy Buttsss, saying the team had already called a timeout before the inbound and Pialug's shot.

When game resumed, Abrams made another defensive stop on Palero at the paint and Party Rockers' Jeraldine Castillo picked up the leather and headed for a fastbreak play.

With Castillo having the ball and the clock ticking down, Lazy Buttsss point guard Keolani Rios tried to stop the former and in the process gave up a foul. Unfortunately, Rios was slapped with an unsportsman-like foul, awarding Castillo two free throws plus possession. Castillo missed both and with three seconds left on the clock, Party Rockers made an inbound and the Lazy Butts failed to give up a foul as time expired.

In the first game, Mix-A-Lot got off to a rousing start, leading at halftime, 32-12, en route to an easy win.

Lalaine Pagarao paced Mix-A-Lot with 29 points, while Mercedes Mesa chipped in 18.

Mix-A-Lot will duel Party Rockers in the championship match tonight at 6:30pm.

First Game

Mix-A-Lot 65 – Pagarao 29, Mesa 18, Iriarte 8, Alegre 6, Hofschneider 4.

Aye Par Battay 43 – Mendoza 16, Arboliras 12, M. Ito 5, Castillo 4, Palero 4.

Scoring by quarters: 32-12, 65-43.

Second Game

Party Rockers 63 – Abrams 32, Lebria 10, Ito 9, Johnson 5, Gozon 4, Castillo 3.

Lazy Buttsss 60 – Palero 28, Joseph 13, Javier 9, Castro 8, Lizardo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 31-33, 63-60.

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apiece. They scored twin goals each in the first half and Sang Ho Choi chipped in one for Korean Futsal Team's 5-0 halftime lead. The Jeon siblings added one goal each in the second half to complete their demolition of IT&E.

Wild Bill's 10, Thundercats 3

In the other men's game, Wild Bill's whipped the Thundercats, 10-3.

The win was also Wild Bill's third in as many matches, giving the team a share of the lead in the eight-squad field. The Thundercats remained winless after three games.

Jiayuan Guao had a hat-trick for Wild Bill's in the first half, while Jeeraphong Thoensaket, Nerongchari Khamtha, and Suriya Simuana also scored for the squad's commanding 6-0 advantage.

In the second half, Adul Detdon and Thoensaket tallied two goals each.

Lin Zhi Peng gave the Thundercats two goals, while the other one came from Timothy Tawanpiy.

WOMEN'S Red Team 10, Kulet's Team 3

In the first women's game of the night, Red Team nailed back-to-back wins after a 10-3 triumph over Kulet's Team.

Zoe Jewell, who missed Red Team's first two games, hit four goals in her debut for a follow-up victory on the squad's 6-1 spanking of IT&E Blossom last Monday night.

Temary Gramlich and Leanne Lone contributed two goals each, making both of them in the second half, while Jean Bracker and Patty Coleman had one each also recording them in the final frame.

Amanda Allen put Kulet's Team in the scoreboard in the first half, while Cleo Nening and Anne Padilla posted one goal apiece in the second half.

Mellow Yellow 6, IT&E Blossom

In the other women's match, Mellow Yellow returned to the win column after beating IT&E Blossom, 6-0.

Katie Peters, who failed to score in Mellow Yellow's 2-9 loss to Shirley's A last Monday, regained her form and fired four goals, two apiece in the first and second halves. Also scoring for Mellow Yellow were Noi Horey and Merlie Tolentino.

Mellow Yellow improved to a 2-1 mark, while IT&E Blossom dropped to a dismal 0-3 slate.

Week 3 of the futsal league will start on Monday.

RGA August Ace qualifier at MCC

The Refaluwasch Golf Association will be holding its August Ace qualify tournament this Sunday at the Marianas Country Club.

Check-in time is at 11am, while tee off is at 12pm.

Winner of the weekend tournament will take the August Ace title if his score is unbeaten in the second event later next month.

This July, Dwaine Stephens won the tournament, recording a net 69 to beat Tars Olopai's net 70.

Meanwhile, RGA is encouraging its members to join next week's Tournament of Champions.

RGA is also reminding monthly winners to compete in at least six RGA events to qualify for the year-end club championships.

The club is still open for membership at $25 annually. For more information about RGA tournaments, contact Olopai at 483-5508, Tony Rogolifoi at 288-3515, and Jess Wabol at 288-1129. ***(PR)***

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ditional parade of squads. The organizing United Filipino Organization will then award trophies to the Best in Muse and Best in Uniform. UFO will also hand out trophies to the Top 3 finishers in last month's 3-on-3 Pistang Pinoy basketball tournament

After the opening game at the Civic Center Court, two more matches will be played this Sunday, but these will be moved at the TSL Sports Complex in Gualo Rai. Games in the open division (21 to 39 age group) will be played every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Joining MAFEA-Konflikt in the field are MDX-Bluehaus, Bayani-Mobil, Visminda-Satbahi, Cabalen-Noni, Namfrel-Proa, UPAA-Docomo, Cavite-Andoks Grill, and NMBA-Mix Blood.

Representatives of the nine teams are required to attend a meeting tonight at 6pm at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. They are also asked to bring a copy of their respective rosters and filled-out waiver forms.

Meanwhile, the masters and youth divisions of the UFO caging dubbed as the Docomo Pacific Cup will open on Aug. 14. Games schedule and other details of the two divisions will be released on a later date.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	64	38	.627	–
New York	61	41	.598	3
Tampa Bay	53	50	.515	11 1/2
Toronto	52	52	.500	13
Baltimore	41	59	.410	22

Central Division

Detroit	55	49	.529	–
Cleveland	52	50	.510	2
Chicago	51	52	.495	3 1/2
Minnesota	49	55	.471	6
Kansas City	43	61	.413	12

West Division

Texas	59	46	.562	–
Los Angeles	57	48	.543	2
Oakland	47	57	.452	11 1/2
Seattle	44	60	.423	14 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Philadelphia	65	38	.631	–
Atlanta	61	44	.581	5
New York	53	51	.510	12 1/2
Florida	51	53	.490	14 1/2
Washington	49	54	.476	16

Central Division

Milwaukee	56	49	.533	–
St. Louis	55	49	.529	1/2
Pittsburgh	53	49	.520	1 1/2
Cincinnati	50	54	.481	5 1/2
Chicago	42	62	.404	13 1/2
Houston	34	70	.327	21 1/2

West Division

San Francisco	60	44	.577	–
Arizona	57	47	.548	3
Colorado	49	56	.467	11 1/2
Los Angeles	47	57	.452	13
San Diego	45	60	.429	15 1/2

Yesterday's Games

Florida 7, Washington 5
San Francisco 2, Philadelphia 1
N.Y. Mets 8, Cincinnati 2
Atlanta 2, Pittsburgh 1, 10 innings
Milwaukee 2, Chicago Cubs 0
Houston 4, St. Louis 2
Arizona 4, San Diego 3
Colorado 3, L.A. Dodgers 1
L.A. Angels 3, Cleveland 1
Seattle 9, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago White Sox 2, Detroit 1
Toronto 3, Baltimore 0
Boston 12, Kansas City 5
Minnesota 7, Texas 2
Oakland 13, Tampa Bay 4

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

9 teams join Rotary youth caging

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REPORTER

Nine teams have already confirmed their participation to the 20th Annual Rotary Club Youth Basketball League tentatively scheduled to kick off on Aug. 5.

The list includes the defending champions Ol'Aces, runners-up Sonics, GBR Rollers, San Antonio Sixers, Proa, Rollers Basketball Club CK Blazers, RBC Susupe, Tinian, and Susupe Hi-5.

Three more teams—Kagman, As Matuis and Tanapag—have shown their interests in the youth league, but have yet to commit in the competition.

The Ol'Aces took last year's U19 championship after slipping past pennant champions Sonics, 65-64. The Sonics routed the G-Stars, 81-63, in the first semis game to set up a final showdown against the Ol'Aces, who eked out a 60-57 victory over the Kagman Sparks in the other semis duel.

Meanwhile, a mandatory 5:30pm meeting for participating team managers and coaches is set for Monday at the Gararapan Community Development Center behind the basketball court.

Important topics to be discussed include the league opening date and venue; ground rules; age requirements; team colors and uniforms; coaching, referee, and table official courses; the possibility of playing some games on Tinian; formation of a coaches association; a proposed 2011-2012 calendar of events; and tentative opening dates for (boys and girls) U16 and U13 divisions.

The Rotary caging is organized by the Basketball Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and is considered by many as the CNMI's premier youth basketball competition.

Businesses and interested supporters who would like to contribute and be part of the commonwealth's longest running youth basketball development program can contact BANMI representative Gabriel White at 234-6548 or email awaawaa@hotmail.com.

For more information, contact league coordinator Elias Rangamar via email at eli_rang@yahoo.com or call Abner Venus at 664-2599.

The Ol'Aces' Trevor Ogumoro goes strong to the basket during a game in last year's Rotary youth caging at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. WALTER SUTHERLAND

Blue Haus nips RBC U18 in Step-Up tourney

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Blue Haus sweated out a 39-34 victory over the Rollers Basketball Club's U18 squad in the third game in the 2011 Hoops-RBC Step-Up Basketball Tournament on Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Rollers U18's John Cenir tallied a game-high 12 points in the match, but Blue Haus, led by Alex Lauron's 11 markers, found a way to avoid an upset to the young up and comers.

In other results, RBC Happiness triumphed over RBC U16, 49-34, in the curtain raiser; RBC Madness bested RBC U14-A, 58-43; and Salbahe held off RBC U14-B, 66-56, in the fourth and final match.

Happiness managed a 27-18 edge at the midpoint of the first game and wore down its opponents in the second canto. Happiness' Wenser Namelo drained five from downtown for 15 points to lead all scorers. John Cenir led U16 with 10 points.

Madness had a 27-20 margin over U14-A at half time in the second game. Zack Babauta carried the squad from that point, finishing with 15 points. To its credit, U14 did a good job of distributing the ball, as all 10 players on its roster scored at least one bucket. U14-A's Prince Factor led the team with 10 markers.

Salbahe's Ed Camacho and Marlon Sison showed no mercy against the young 14-B crew, teaming up for 34 points in the late match. U14-B's Prince factor topped the field with 20 points, while Mike Taba added 14.

The Step-Up tournament continues at 5pm on Saturday in Garapan with RBC U16-B taking on RBC U14-A and Hoops challenging RBC U16-A at 6pm. Then Madness will tip off against Happiness at 7pm, while RBC U14-B and RBC U18 clash at 8pm. U12's Fotten Gaga and Konflikt will kick off the action at 4pm in an exhibition play.

The tournament aims to challenge younger players to compete at a higher level, while still forcing the more experienced players to work on their half court offensive strategies.

In related news, the RBC is holding a number of fundraisers to help send the group's U12, U14 A and B, U16 A and B, U18 and U25 teams in Guam for the 7th Annual Take-Care Thanksgiving Hoop-Fest Youth Basketball Tournament that will run from Nov. 21 to Dec. 7.

Upcoming fundraisers include car washes on Aug. 12 and Sept. 23 and "Smoke Meet" on Aug. 26 and Sept. 9.

First Game

RBC Happiness 49 – Namelo 15, Cruz 11, Torres 8, Brennan 4, L. Reyes 4, Aurelio 3, Ada 2, J. Lizama 2.

RBC U16 34 – Cenir 10, Rios 9, Kwon 6, Mizer 4, R. Babauta 3, Malonzo 2.

Scoring by halves: 27-18, 49-34.

Second Game

RBC Madness 58 – Z. Babauta 15, Litulumar 10, Metran 6, Mizer 6, J. Norita 6, P Camacho 3, P. Norita 2.

RBC U14-A 43 – Factor 10, Lansang 6, Kwon 4, Rodney 4, Dela Rosa 3, Avan 2, Iglesias 2, Malonzo 2.

Scoring by halves: 27-20, 58-43.

Third Game

Blue Haus 39 – Lauron 11, Mina 7, Gallilli 6, Palacios 6, D. Tenorio 4, Lisua 2, Z. Diaz 2, Babauta 1.

Rollers U18 34 – Cenir 12, J. Norita 8, Metran 6, Sarmiento 4, D Diaz 2, Namayaka 2.

Fourth Game

Salbahe 66 – E. Camacho 18, Sison 16, Galulu 14, Tengco 10, Perez 6.

Rollers U14-B 56 – Factor 20, Taba 14, Malonzo 11, Iglesias 6, Hindi 2.

Scoring by halves: 32-29, 66-56.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
Rollers U16-A's Renan Lansang is guarded by Happiness' Brandon Aulerio during their game in the 2011 Hoops-Rollers Basketball Club Step-Up Tournament Monday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

SCA MTB & Road Race Sunday

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Two bikers pedal through a rocky road en route to the Lamar trail used in last March's XTERRA Saipan. Local bikers head out the road this Sunday for the SCA MTB & Road Race II.

The Saipan Cyclers Association will have the SCA MTB & Road Race II this Sunday at Paupau Beach.

The event will have three divisions: MTB full and short course, and road bike course. Registration starts at 6am and the race begins at 7am. Entrance fee is only $10.

Bikers competing in the MTB full course will start at Paupau and then head to Banzai trail, Cowtown, Santa Clause lane (Grotto trail), and Autobahn and Kimikaze trails, turn left, go down to the road heading to Suicide cliff, turn left again on the jeep road behind the golf course, turn right on the trail that leads to the road to the golf course (before the million gallon tank), turn another left at the bottom of the hill, and head back to Paupau.

For the MTB short course, after the Santa Clause lane, riders will turn right on the pave road and then back to Paupau.

For the road bike category, the race will also begin at Paupau and riders will go up to Radar Station, Suicide Cliff, Bird Island, Grotto, and Banzai Cliff before heading back to the starting line. ***(PR)***

FIBA 3-on-3 tournament set for August 13

The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Division of Youth Services is holding the FIBA 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Aug. 13 at the Garapan Basketball Court in celebration of its 30th anniversary.

August is designated as Youth Leadership Month.

"We invite all young athletes to bring their families and spend the day with us at the Garapan Basketball Court next Wednesday as DYS celebrates its 30th anniversary and kicks off the youth leadership month. Naturally, we are hoping for good weather and I want to remind everyone that it's free to participate. All you have to do is register," said tournament organizer Abner Venus.

Games will take place from 9am to 5pm. deadline to register is on Aug. 10.

The tournament is open to players in the 12-and-under age group, 13 to 17, and an open family division where kids can play with their parents.

Two half court games will be played simultaneously and will be officiated by FIBA referees.

Players must form their own teams and register them with Venus. For more information, contact Venus at 664-2559 or 888-7764. ***(Walter Cepeda Sutherland)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, **vs.** **ROSLYN C. PALACIOS,** Defendant.	**Civil Action No. 08-0358-CV** **NOTICE OF AUCTION/ JUDICIAL SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 3rd day of November, 2010, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the judgment, the undersigned counsel will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **18th day of August, 2011 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot EA 141-3 (part of original EA 141), located in As Perdito, Saipan, containing an area 2,493 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 2033/83, the original of which was recorded on January 13, 1983 as Document No. 16277 at Land Registry, Saipan.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b) To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c) To reject any and all bids.
2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749.
3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to the Bank of Guam.
4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct an enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property; contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 30th day of June, 2011.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Santana throws no-hitter in Angels win
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No super suit, no problem

DAN KIMBALL

Renze Wong, seen here in a local meet in 2009, shattered the CNMI mark in the 200m breaststroke yesterday during his qualifying race in the 14th FINA World Championships at the Shanghai Oriental Sports Center in Shanghai, China.

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REPORTER

Several swimmers competing in the 14th FINA World Championships may have slowed down due to the banning of high-tech super suits, but not the CNMI's Rezne Wong.

Wong completed his stint at the World Championships with another record-breaking swim yesterday at the Shanghai Oriental Sports Center in Shanghai, China. He timed in at two minutes and 23.35 seconds in the qualifying heat for the 200m breaststroke, chopping off more than three seconds from his personal best and qualifying times and breaking the CNMI record (2:26.83).

Wong held the previous CNMI mark, posting it on July 30, 2009 during the 13th FINA World Championships in Rome,

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Third win in a row for Korean Futsal Team

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Korean Futsal Team won the battle of undefeated teams in the 2011 Saipan Soccer School Futsal League after shutting out IT&E in their men's division game, 7-0, Wednesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

The victory stretched Korean Futsal Team's streak to three, while IT&E fell to a 2-1 mark.

Brothers Dae Min and Dae Won Jeon led Korean Futsal Team's third win in as many games, knocking in three goals

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Korean Futsal Team's Dae Won Jeon, right, dribbles against Go Green's Russell Zapanta during their game in the men's division of the futsal league at the TSL Sports Complex last week. Jeon scored two goals in Korean Futsal's 7-0 win over IT&E Wednesday night.

Party Rockers vs Mix-A-Lot in finals

Party Rockers' Rachel Abrams, left, sneaks past the defense of the Lazy Buttsss' Ira Palero during their playoff game in the women's league Wednesday night at the TSL Sports Complex.
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Party Rockers and Mix-A-Lot posted contrasting playoff wins in the 2011 TSL Women's Summer Basketball League last Wednesday at the TSL Sports Complex to arrange a winner-take-all championship game tonight.

In the first playoff game, Mix-A-Lot clobbered Aye Par Battay, 65-53, while Party Rockers rallied past the Lazy Buttsss in the second do-or-die match, 63-60.

The top-ranked Party Rockers (8-1) avoided a major upset against the last placed Lazy Buttsss (3-6) after recovering from a five-point deficit, 49-55, in the last five minutes of the second half.

Rachel Abrams led Party

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MAFEA-Konflikt's Bernard Aquino goes for a layup against SIP-Mobil's Jun Estolas during their playoff game in last year's UFO caging at the JP Center Basketball Court.
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UFO caging starts Sunday

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Defending champion MAFEA-Konflikt will start its title defense this Sunday when the UFO Inter-Org. Basketball Friendship League 2011 Bud Cup opens at the Civic Center Basketball Court in Susupe.

MAFEA-Konflikt, which swept 2009 champion MDX-Chow Queen in the best-of-three finals last season, will play in the first game at 6pm. The defending champion's foe will be determined via draw, which will take place after the opening ceremony.

The opening rites of the Bud Cup will begin at 2pm with teams and their respective muses participating in the tra-

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